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Traditional Schools Consultation Information Package



Surrey schools are facing enrolment challenges across the district, fueled by fast-paced growth and extensive development bringing more than 5,000 students to Surrey and White Rock in the last three years. The district's three traditional schools – Cloverdale Traditional, McLeod Road Traditional, and Surrey Traditional – are in neighbourhoods that are particularly impacted, resulting in the need to manage enrolment and school space in these areas.

The [Long-Range Facilities Plan \(LRFP\)](#) is a Ministry requirement for planning for the growth of Surrey Schools' capital infrastructure. In developing the LRFP, the district gathered more than 8,200 responses, leading to a recommendation for assessing the Traditional Program's capacity and site utilization throughout the district in relation to school seat shortages. At present, the district is short more than 6,500 student seats and anticipates this shortfall to exceed 13,500 by 2032.

[Board Policy 9200 \(School Catchment Areas\)](#) states that school catchment boundaries for district and community-initiated programs are district-wide, not site-specific. Programs of Choice will be provided only in surplus space at neighbourhood schools.

Due to the rapid enrolment growth and student capacity shortages in Cloverdale, South Newton and City Centre, the Surrey Board of Education has directed staff to engage in a consultation process to explore converting Surrey Traditional School, McLeod Road Traditional School, and Cloverdale Traditional School into catchment area elementary schools. Staff will bring a report to the Board on the implications of converting these schools into catchment area elementary schools no later than December 11th, 2024.

We want families to know that if Surrey Traditional, McLeod Road Traditional, and Cloverdale Traditional schools become catchment area schools, all current students can stay, and their siblings can also join.

The district seeks input from parents and guardians of Surrey students in traditional schools to help decide on future enrolment management. Please review the information in this package and fill out the online survey at surreyschools.ca/consultations to provide your feedback. In addition to the online survey, an in-person evening forum will be held. Families are invited to join the community forum to give feedback and ask district staff questions. The forum is scheduled from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on:**

- **November 6, 2024 at the Resource & Education Centre (14123 92nd Avenue, Room 304)**

The consultation period runs through November 12, 2024. Staff will compile community input and comments into a report for the superintendent, to be presented at the Surrey Board of Education meeting on December 11th, 2024. Please share your feedback during this time.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is the district considering converting traditional schools into catchment elementary schools?

Due to rising enrolments, the district requires more school spaces because new schools and expansions are not matching the pace of development and growth. Also, many core aspects of traditional school education are mirrored in the current best practices of neighbourhood catchment schools.

When would any changes take effect?

Planning and organizing would begin in January 2025 for September 2025.

Would current students be allowed to attend their current school? Would their siblings be allowed to attend this school?

Yes, all students can remain at their current school and siblings of current students will be welcome as well.

Would the schools continue with the traditional school philosophy?

All schools follow the Ministry of Education and Child Care curriculum, like other public schools in B.C.. Many aspects of traditional school philosophy integrate effectively with the contemporary core competency curriculum.

Would they still have uniforms?

While new catchment schools would not retain their traditional focus or names, the Board may maintain the use of uniforms if it is valued by the community. In fact, any school within the District has the option to adopt uniforms, as stipulated by Board policy 9490 (School Uniforms).

Who is being consulted in this process?

The Board values community input extending to all families ensuring that those affected have a chance to share their views before a final decision is made.

When will the results be shared with the public?

The report will be presented to the Board at the December 11, 2024 meeting and will be available afterwards.

If it's decided that traditional schools will become catchment elementary schools, what would that look like?

In early 2025, the district will initiate a boundary consultation to decide the catchment boundaries for the new elementary schools.

