

Learning Centre Cohort Amalgamation Information Package



The City Centre community is one area that is facing mounting enrolment pressures as ongoing development and accelerated population growth bring thousands of students to Surrey every year. Forsyth Road, James Ardiel, École K.B. Woodward, Old Yale and Prince Charles elementary schools are a combined 95 students over capacity, and even with conservative projections, this number will grow to 807 students over capacity in the next eight years.

To prepare for this growth, the district is now proposing two options to amalgamate the cohort of students from the City Central Learning Centre with nearby learning centres and secondary schools, in order to establish a new elementary school at the existing space at CCLC. The options are:

1. **Amalgamating the CCLC cohort with the North Surrey Learning Centre** to make better use of the available capacity at NSLC. This would take effect at the start of the **2025-26 school year** and would help to balance student capacity at nearby elementary schools.
2. **a) Relocating the CCLC cohort to the modular complex at Queen Elizabeth Secondary** to repurpose existing space at QE. This would take effect at the start of the **2025-26 school year** and would help to balance student capacity at nearby elementary schools. And;
b) Amalgamating the Guildford Learning Centre cohort with the North Surrey Learning Centre to make better use of the available capacity at NSLC. This would take effect in **November 2024** and would allow the district to redirect significant leasing costs associated with the GLC site.

Ahead of the 2024-25 school year, students, staff, parents and community members are invited to provide feedback and share their thoughts on the proposed cohort amalgamation between the learning centres.

How can you be involved?

Surrey Schools believes parent and student input and priorities are an important part of the consultation process. Please review the information in this package. Further information can be found on surreyschools.ca/consultations

We encourage parents and students to provide feedback by completing the survey on the consultation website (survey is open now). The consultation period has been extended and runs until **June 10, 2024**.

In addition, an in-person evening forum will be held for the district to share information about the cohort amalgamation. The forum runs from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.:**

- **Thursday, May 30 at District Education Centre (DEC)** (14033 92nd Ave. – Room 2020)

Families are encouraged to attend the in-person community forum for the opportunity to ask questions to district staff. While amalgamating cohorts is just one consideration being explored, the district is open to hearing suggestions for other ways to reduce enrolment pressures. Please use the final question in the online survey to share your suggestions.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What stakeholders (i.e. outside community groups) are being consulted in this process?

The Board values the voices within our community and ensures that persons who may potentially be impacted by a decision, that is, the school community as well as interested members of the public, will be given an opportunity to provide input on the proposal before a final decision is made.

When will a final decision be made?

The report will go to the Board at the June 12 board meeting. The report will be made be available after the board meeting.

When would the proposed cohort amalgamation/relocation take effect?

The City Central Learning Centre cohort would amalgamate with the North Surrey Learning Centre, or relocate to Queen Elizabeth Secondary, in September 2025.

Is there enough space at the North Surrey Learning Centre for an entire second cohort?

Yes. The proposed amalgamation will make more efficient use of space at NSLC.

Will busing be provided for CCLC students now attending NSLC or QE?

The district will look at how transportation impacts students and families.

Will the district work with TransLink to ensure adequate bus routes for students attending NSLC or QE?

The district shares information with TransLink on school and cohort changes. The decision to change or add bus routes is the responsibility of TransLink.

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Learning Centre Cohort Amalgamation Consultation Survey

What learning centre does your child attend?

I am a:

Student		Parent		Staff		Other	
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If not attending CCLC, which school(s) are you attending? (parents, please tick all schools your children currently attend)

Other (please specify)

How do you normally get to the school(s)?

Bicycle		Bus		Car		Walk	
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Other (please specify)

What factors would you like the district to consider when implementing cohort amalgamations?

What are the strengths and challenges of the proposed options?

Strengths

Challenges

Please add any other comments in the box below, including any alternative suggestions: