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April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Dear Parents and Families of Students intending to attend Kwantlen Park Secondary,

As many of you may know, Kwantlen Park is over capacity. The district is seeking views to address the overcrowding. Please read below for a district update, explanation of options being considered, and how to offer feedback until May 9<sup>th</sup>. All information and feedback forms are posted on the school and district websites. We have also attached a hard copy of the feedback form you can complete and return to the school before May 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Students and parents are being asked for input to alleviate overcapacity and the impact of ongoing enrolment growth at Kwantlen Secondary School. The school currently has 188 more students than its designed capacity and its enrolment is expected to grow to almost a third above capacity by 2017.*



*(Kwantlen Park Secondary)*

*The Surrey School District has been considering a range of options, including redistributing some of Kwantlen Park enrolment to nearby L.A. Matheson and Queen Elizabeth secondary schools that have room for more students. Options explored include choice program moves and catchment boundary changes.*

*The district is asking students and parents for their views on the eight options it has explored for managing enrolment at Kwantlen Park beginning in September 2017. The feedback will inform a staff report to the Surrey Board of Education that would likely recommend one or two options for change.*

*“Kwantlen Park is overcapacity and the district needs to make changes to make more effective use of neighbouring secondary schools,” said Yrsa Jensen, assistant superintendent for the north zone of schools in Surrey. “The district wants to hear what students and parents think about the options to help staff develop a recommendation to the board.”*



#	Option	Details	Feasibility
1	Move Inter-A option A	Move Inter-A program from Kwantlen Park Secondary to Queen Elizabeth Secondary	Feasible
2	Move Inter-A option B	Move Inter-A program from Kwantlen Park Secondary to L.A. Matheson Secondary	Feasible
3	Boundary change option A	Move Old Yale Road Elementary to feed Queen Elizabeth Secondary instead of Kwantlen Park Secondary	Feasible
4	Boundary change option B	Move Old Yale Road Elementary to feed L.A. Matheson instead of Kwantlen Park Secondary	Feasible
5	Move French Immersion	Move French Immersion program from Kwantlen Park Secondary to Queen Elizabeth Secondary	Explored but less feasible
6	Add temporary space	Add more portables to existing numbers already at Kwantlen Park Secondary - there are 11 on site already	Explored but not recommended
7	Move to an extended day	Add a fifth block to each day, extending the school day by approximately 80 minutes	Explored but not recommended
8	Build an addition	Ministry of Education only funds when area schools are full	Not feasible

*(A summary of the options explored – more details are available online at [www.placespeak.com/kwantlen-park-options](http://www.placespeak.com/kwantlen-park-options))*

*A three-week feedback period began April 19 with a community forum at Kwantlen Park Secondary. A website – [www.placespeak.com/kwantlen-park-options](http://www.placespeak.com/kwantlen-park-options) – has been set up to share information about the capacity situation at Kwantlen Park and the options for change. The website includes a survey for providing feedback on the options. The feedback period ends on May 9.*

Please do not hesitate to contact Mme Christensen or Mr. Loosemore if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mme Christensen, Principal

Mr. Loosemore, Vice Principal



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