

November 22, 2021

Dear Parents or Guardians,

We are excited to share that our Board of Education has been successful in advancing a substantial capital program in South Surrey, particularly in the Grandview area and east of Highway 99.

The opening of Edgewood Elementary, Douglas Elementary and Grandview Heights Secondary, have significantly increased the capacity for students in the region. In addition to the new schools, the Board also has completed an addition at Pacific Heights Elementary, and we have additions underway at Sunnyside Elementary and Morgan Elementary. Finally, on the construction horizon is the new Ta'talu Elementary which will be near the corner of 20th Avenue and 165A Street.

With all of the new schools and additions to existing sites, we believe that there is now the capacity to expand French Immersion and would welcome the chance to explore this further with more details including a final destination for a program.

The district believes that a program could be started at Pacific Heights Elementary in September 2022, beginning with an early primary program, grades to be determined, with a view to grow by one new division each year to grade 7. As there is rapid growth and development in this community, the final destination of the program would be determined by September 2024 to align with the opening of Ta'talu Elementary, with the program then residing at one of these two schools who are in close proximity to each other and who both serve the populations east of Highway 99.

The French Immersion Program would continue in grade 8 at Earl Marriott Secondary School (joining the other zone's FRIMM Programs) and as with all choice programs, bussing would not be included.


This letter is to explore interest in a new French Immersion program. If you would be interested in a spot next year, in Kindergarten or Grade 1, please fill out the attached form in the link provided. This will give the district the necessary information to bring the community's interest back to the board for a final decision at the December Board meeting.

[FRIMM Expression of Interest Survey](#)

\*Please note:

Filling out this form does not guarantee you a space in the new program and is only for the purpose of gathering information regarding interest to bring back to the Board.

LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING



If the program is approved at the December board meeting, then it will be added to the lottery system, and be open district-wide in January 2022, for September 2022 enrolment.

If you have any questions, please use the attached form to ask your questions so that we can start a FAQ which will be posted on our website at the following link.

Sincerely,



Lynda Reeve  
Assistant Superintendent  
Surrey Schools

LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING

Surrey Schools – Superintendent's Department 14033 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3V 0B7  
Tel: (604) 595-6308 Fax: (604) 595-6309 [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca)