



## ECOLE CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Crescent Park Families:

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for inundating my inbox with emails with words of thanks, personal visits to my office, and greeting me on the playground to extend best wishes as I transition to my next assignment at Woodward Hill. I can totally appreciate that change is not easy and sometimes unexpected.

With this in mind, I wanted to let you know about staffing changes prior to Thursday's year-end assembly. Before I explain further, please know that this is highly irregular that I send such correspondence regarding staffing but given the circumstances going into next year, I want to make sure there is clarity within the community. This information was shared a few weeks back with the PAC Executive.

### *Teacher context*

With the restored language from the Supreme Court ruling a few months back, a lot of the language that comes back into play from 2002 is creating a lot of complexity within the system and is having significant impact on staffing at many schools across the district. Here are the details:

- As the restored language was being unpacked, it was discovered that schools with Vice-Principals can only take enrolling class positions (classroom assignments with kids) as part of their job duties, not non-enrolling positions such as Learning Support Teacher or Integration Teacher.
- As a result, over 90 LST and Integration Teacher positions opened up across the district.
- In addition, positions such as Integration Teacher time increased across the district.
- This means that many teachers that are qualified, now have the opportunity to move into these available specialized positions.
- Prior to June, we only had two staff leaving and one teacher retiring, but things changed dramatically with these significant amount of specialized job openings.

Congratulations to the following teachers who will be taking on new specialized assignments at other schools/locations:

Mr. Armer – Learning Support Teacher

Ms. Askew - retiring

Ms. Bunker – Faculty Associate at UBC for Teacher Education program

Ms. Bonn – moving to Elgin Secondary

Ms. Clackson – Learning Support Teacher

Ms. Frew – Integration Support Teacher

Mme. Lacroix – returning to Quebec

Mr. Somers – increased full-time position at another school

*Support Staff context*

Each year, support staff composition changes due to available hours provided to each school. This year is very similar to previous years. I thank the support staff for their diligent work at Crescent Park this past school year.

We have a very solid staff at Crescent Park with strong collegial relationships and while it is hard to see many go, we still have many incredible staff that will be staying on and that will continue to make Crescent Park Elementary shine! It was lovely to spend the afternoon with the new Principal, Mrs. Colter, and I know she will provide exceptional leadership at Crescent Park.

Please contact me at [abear\\_d@surreyschools.ca](mailto:abear_d@surreyschools.ca) should you have any additional questions.

Respectfully,

Mr. D. A'Bear  
Principal