

April 16, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you likely know, construction of Grandview Heights Secondary at 16988 25th Ave. is underway and it is expected to be ready for students in September 2020.

Along with students, staff and parents, the Surrey Board of Education is excited about having this new school to soon address the overcrowding at secondary schools in White Rock and South Surrey, and most specifically Earl Marriott Secondary.

The board once again thanks the student and parent groups for their patience, as well as assistance and lobbying support for the new school. Besides the physical construction, there is also the opportunity for building a new community; the staff, students and families who will determine and define the culture and character of the school; even down to the school colours and mascot.

Community building begins with working together to establish catchment boundaries for the new school. Parents and students from the secondary schools, as well as feeder elementary schools, all have a voice. The district is coordinating a consultation process in late April and mid-May so you can easily contribute your views and suggestions.

In the last week of April, please watch for further information being sent home with students. New information will also be posted to PlaceSpeak, an online public consultation platform where parents can leave feedback on the proposed catchment boundaries. Visit [placespeak.com/sd36capitalplan](http://placespeak.com/sd36capitalplan) in the coming weeks for more details.

In addition, a series of evening forums will be held in mid-May for South Surrey-White Rock school communities to share ideas about potential boundary changes. Each forum runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

- **April 30 at Earl Marriott:** East Kensington, Hall's Prairie, Jessie Lee, Morgan, Pacific Heights, Peace Arch, Rosemary Heights and South Meridian families
- **May 14 at Earl Marriott:** Earl Marriott families
- **May 15 at Elgin Park:** Chantrell Creek, Crescent Park, Elgin Park, Ocean Cliff and Ray Shepherd families
- **May 16 at Semiahmoo:** Bayridge, H.T. Thrift, Semiahmoo, Semiahmoo Trail, Sunnyside and White Rock families

School community families are encouraged to attend the specific evening for their own school in order to balance forum attendance numbers for each meeting. However, as the information presented at each forum will be the same, if you cannot attend on your evening, you're welcome to attend when it better suits you.

The consultation concludes June 15. Community contributions and comments will be summarized by staff in a report to the superintendent and a recommendation for new school boundaries will go to the board in the fall.

Surrey Schools looks forward to hearing from you!

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