

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.38

**COMPREHENSIVE
CATCHMENT AREA
BOUNDARY REVIEW (PHASE I)**

Board of Education Public Meeting
11 December 2019





RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) approves the school catchment area boundary revisions contained in Appendix A for the 2020/2021 school year

LRFP ACTION PLAN

- The Richmond Board of Education adopted its Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) 26 June 2019, containing several strategy recommendations
- LRFP Action Plan developed to address the recommendations, starting with a proposed three phase comprehensive school catchment boundary review:
 - **Phase I – 2020-21 Boundary Revisions**
 - Phase II – South Central Region Secondary Boundary Review, Integrated with Possible Consolidation Options and Program Location Review
 - Phase III – South Central Region and West Region Elementary Boundary Review, Integrated with Seismic Upgrade Strategy, Possible Consolidation Options and Program Location Review



LRFP ACTION PLAN (cont'd)

- Phases II and III would involve detailed analyses and intensive community engagement processes
 - Phase II outcomes could take effect September 2021 at the earliest



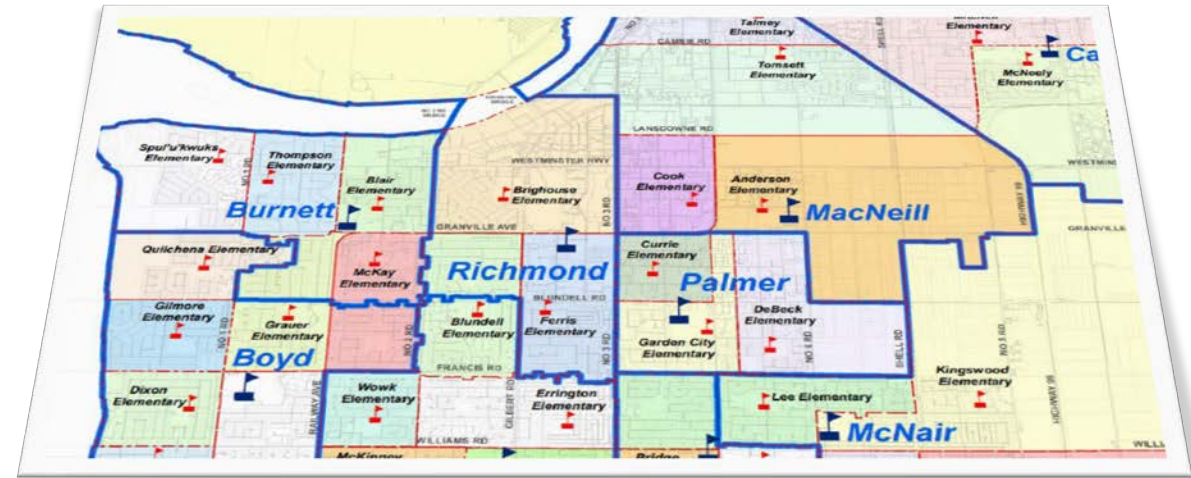


PHASE I: TYPES OF REVISIONS

- A. Improving existing boundaries to align with the centreline of major roads as a student safety measure (minimize crossings)
- B. Aligning school catchments within the new communities of schools regions established in the LRFP (North Central, South Central, East and West)
 - Important in areas of enrolment growth where school capacity expansion will be required
 - Developing successful business cases for capital funding of these expansions hinges on justifying the need based on the regional capacity/utilization rather than the default lower “District as a whole” capacity/utilization
- C. Reducing/eliminating split-feeder catchments, whereby one elementary school feeds more than one secondary school
 - Maintaining cohorts from Kindergarten through to graduation

PHASE I: SCOPE

- 35 potential boundary revisions developed by Planning staff
- Process followed for the boundary reviews contained in the LRFP, Subsection 5.3.6.
- Families who have a child currently attending a school within a catchment area boundary revision will:
 - ✓ not be affected by the boundary revision
 - ✓ have the choice to remain at the school in their current catchment or transfer to a school in their newly proposed catchment
 - ✓ have the choice to enroll any siblings in their current catchment or their newly proposed catchment



PHASE I: CONSULTATION

Engagement Plan initiated 21 October 2019:

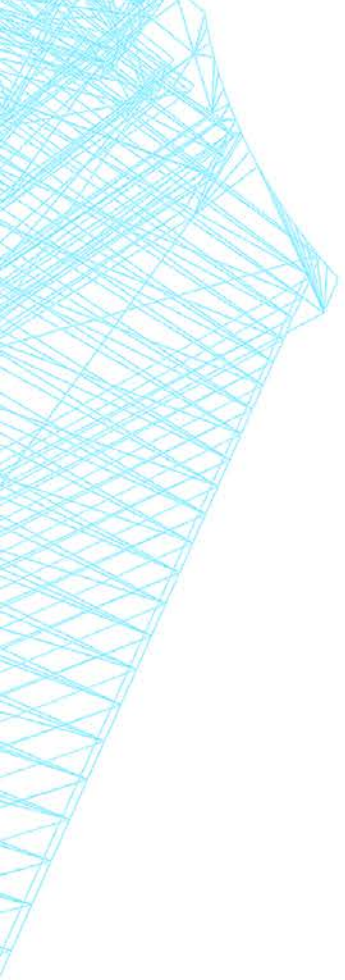
- Meetings held with stakeholder groups
- Website launched, with on-line feedback received up to 15 November 2019:
 - over 4,400 visits
 - 138 comments received
- Letters sent to all families of affected schools
- Information shared with local media outlets, real estate board, Richmond City Council, Richmond MLAs and others on the engagement list
- Enhanced engagement conducted with school communities as required
- The public consultation process followed in Phase I is summarized in Appendix B



PHASE I: REVIEW/ANALYSIS

- After reviewing all feedback received and looking ahead to future phases of the comprehensive school catchment boundary review, staff compiled the list of 27 revisions recommended to be implemented for the 2020/2021 school year under Phase I:





A. Boundary Alignment Revisions to Improve Student Safety (22)

1. Mitchell Elementary (Caithcart Road) to Tait Elementary
2. Tait Elementary (East of Shell Road) to Mitchell Elementary
3. Blundell Elementary (South of Francis Road) to Errington Elementary
4. Thompson Elementary (South of Granville Avenue) to Grauer Elementary
- 4a. Burnett Secondary (South of Granville Avenue) to Boyd Secondary
5. McNeely Elementary (West of No. 3 Road) to Mitchell Elementary
6. Kingswood Elementary (East of Graybar Road) to Hamilton Elementary
7. Westwind Elementary (East of Gilbert Road) to Maple Lane Elementary
8. Kidd Elementary (West of No. 3 Road) to Maple Lane Elementary
- 8a. McNair Secondary (West of No. 3 Road) to Steveston-London Secondary
9. Bridge Elementary (South of Steveston Highway) to Kidd Elementary
- 9a. McRoberts Secondary (South of Steveston Highway, west of Garden City Road) to McNair Secondary
10. Whiteside Elementary (South of Steveston Highway) to Kidd Elementary
- 10a. McRoberts Secondary (South of Steveston Highway, east of Garden City Road) to McNair Secondary
11. Mitchell Elementary (South of Cambie Road) to McNeely Elementary



A. Boundary Alignment Revisions to Improve Student Safety (cont'd)

12. Blundell Elementary (West of No. 2 Road) to McKay Elementary

12a. Richmond Secondary (West of No. 2 Road, north of Blundell Road) to Burnett Secondary

12b. Steveston-London Secondary (West of No. 2 Road, south of Blundell Road to Burnett Secondary

13. Ferris Elementary (South of Francis Road) to Errington Elementary

13a. Richmond Secondary (South of Francis Road) to Steveston-London Secondary

14. Byng Elementary (North of Steveston Highway) to Steves Elementary

14a. McMath Secondary (North of Steveston Highway) to Boyd Secondary

B. Boundary Adjustments to Reflect New Regions Defined in the Long Range Facilities Plan (2)

16. Tait Elementary (West of Highway 99) to Talmey Elementary

20. Cambie Secondary (West of Highway 99) to MacNeill Secondary

C. Secondary School Boundary Adjustments to Reduce Elementary School Split Feeder Catchments (3)

22. Richmond Secondary to Steveston-London Secondary [Blundell Elementary, north of Blundell Road]

24. Burnett Secondary to Boyd Secondary [Grauer Elementary, north of Blundell Road]

25. Boyd Secondary to Burnett Secondary [McKay Elementary, south of Blundell Road]



PHASE I: REVIEW/ANALYSIS (cont'd)

- 8 proposed boundary revisions recommended by staff to be deferred to Phase II (South Central Region Secondary Boundary Review, Integrated with Possible Consolidation Options and Program Location Review):
 - Further analysis required to determine implications on student transportation for those in the proposed move areas east of Highway 99
 - The catchment areas for McNair and McRoberts require additional review, consultation and analysis
 - The proposed elimination of the Westwind split feeder catchment (to McMath and Steveston-London), which also spans two regions (West and South Central), requires additional review, consultation and analysis due to area-specific factors raised during Phase I (i.e. proximity of co-op and social housing to McMath vs. Steveston-London)



Boundary Revisions Recommended for Deferral

15. Whiteside Elementary (North of Williams Road) to Lee Elementary
- 15a. McRoberts Secondary (North of Williams Road) to McNair Secondary
17. Kingswood Elementary (East of Highway 99) to McNeely Elementary
18. Woodward Elementary (East of Highway 99) to McNeely Elementary
19. Westwind Elementary (West of Fentiman Place) to Byng Elementary
21. McNair Secondary (East of Highway 99) to Cambie Secondary [Kingswood and Woodward Elementary catchments east of Highway 99]
23. McRoberts Secondary (Lee Elementary catchment, west of Garden City Road) to McNair Secondary
26. McMath Secondary (Westwind Elementary catchment, east of Fentiman Place) to Steveston-London Secondary



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