



## Proposal Consultation Form

### “Catchment Boundaries”

At the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education, the attached proposal was approved for further consultation. The proposal will be returned to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting on October 11, 2016 for final consideration and recommendation to the Board.

Please use the attached form for any input you or your group may have and return the form to the School Board Office by Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 attention to Barb Basden at [bbasden@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:bbasden@sd40.bc.ca).

Thank you for your participation.



Proposal Review and Response Form

**“Catchment Boundaries”**

1. Type of Response (check one): Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Group (School, Employee Group, Community Member, etc.)  
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3. Number of people providing input: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background/Context**

**Please respond to the following**

**1. Overall Strengths of the Proposal:**

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**2. Overall Limitations of the Proposal:**

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## **Catchment Boundaries for Montessori Program at Connaught Heights and Richard McBride Elementary**

### **Background:**

In September 2016 with the opening of Fraser River Middle School, the District will be configured into Kindergarten to Grade 5; Grade 6 to 8; and Grade 9-12 organizations with the exception of Queensborough where the schools are organized into Kindergarten to Grade 4 and Grade 5-8. And, as the Board is aware, September 2016 also marks the date when the Lord Tweedsmuir Montessori program will be fully relocated at Connaught Heights Elementary.

The opening of Fraser River Middle School has provided the opportunity to review catchment boundaries for the Montessori program.

### **Considerations:**

The proposal is to move the boundary for students in the Montessori programs at Richard McBride Elementary and Connaught Heights Elementary from 8th Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street. There are two reasons for this proposal:

- 1) Balance the demand and available spaces between the two programs; and,
- 2) Align the catchment boundaries so they are geographically closer to Fraser River and Glenbrook Middle schools.

There is currently a discrepancy between the number of applications for McBride Elementary and the number of applications for Connaught Heights Elementary Montessori programs. In past years, students at Connaught Heights have had a better opportunity of receiving a placement in Montessori due to fewer applications. Ideally, catchments would draw from an equal number of applicants from year to year. Moving the boundary to 6<sup>th</sup> Street should help balance the demand between the two programs.

An added benefit to this proposed catchment boundary change is that Montessori students will be closer to the middle schools to which they will be transitioning. In addition, the boundary change will increase the number of Montessori students attending the same middle school as their peers.



**Study Area: Connaught Heights and Richard McBride Elementary**

