



## 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 Lord Kelvin, École Herbert Spencer and École Qayqayt Elementary Schools

### Background

With the opening of Fraser River Middle School this fall, students from Connaught Heights, Lord Kelvin, Lord Tweedsmuir, and Qayqayt Elementary will be attending middle school for Grades 6 to 8. As a result, schools throughout 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.

The opening of Fraser River Middle School provides the opportunity to review the catchment boundaries in order for students to be able to walk to an elementary and middle school closest to their home. This report summarizes the data analysis used to arrive at the recommended changes to the school boundaries for Lord Kelvin, Herbert Spencer and Qayqayt elementary schools. Since Lord Kelvin and Qayqayt students transition to Fraser River Middle School, and Herbert Spencer students transition to Glenbrook Middle School, any revised catchment boundaries will have impact on these schools as well.

Please note that all students currently in attendance at these schools will be “grandfathered” to remain in their existing school.

### Considerations:

The proposed changes will affect the regular programs at Lord Kelvin, Herbert Spencer and Qayqayt elementary schools and Fraser River and Glenbrook Middle schools.

There are three proposed revisions:

**Proposal 1** (noted in the area identified as “1” below) has a section of Herbert Spencer’s existing catchment between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Queens Avenue going to Lord Kelvin school.

- Students who reside in this study area attend Herbert Spencer or Glenbrook Middle School for grades K-8. The revised change in having this section of the catchment move to Lord Kelvin allows for a shorter walking distance for students to both Lord Kelvin and Fraser River Middle School. Currently 40 % of the students in this study area are attending an out of catchment school, either Qayqayt or Lord Kelvin Elementary, which shows a demand exists for students to be able to attend a school closer to their home. Fraser River Middle School is significantly closer to this study area than Glenbrook Middle School.

**Proposal 2** (noted in the area identified as “2” below) has a section of Herbert Spencer’s existing catchment between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and Queens and Royal Avenues going to Qayqayt school.

- Students who reside in this study area attend Herbert Spencer or Glenbrook Middle School for grades K-8. The proposed change to this section of Herbert Spencer School’s boundary would see it move to Qayqayt School. This move would allow students a shorter walk to Qayqayt Elementary or Fraser River Middle School. 50 % of the students in this study area are attending an out of catchment school, Qayqayt Elementary, which shows a demand exists for students to be able to attend a school closer to their home. Fraser River Middle School and Qayqayt are significantly closer to this study area than Glenbrook Middle School.

**Proposal 3** (noted as area “3” below) has a section of Herbert Spencer’s existing catchment between Royal Avenue and Manitoba street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Peele Street going to Qayqayt school.

- The proposed change to Herbert Spencer’s boundary would see it move to Qayqayt School which would allow students a shorter walk to Qayqayt Elementary or Fraser River Middle School. It is important to note that although no students in this area currently attend Qayqayt, it does not signify that the demand does not exist. Last year, applications for out-of-catchment to Qayqayt were received; however, Qayqayt was unable to accept students as they needed to place in-catchment students first during their first years of operation. Fraser River Middle School and Qayqayt School are significantly closer to this study area than Glenbrook Middle School.

