

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY REVIEW CONSULTATION: OPEN HOUSE INPUT #1

Engagement session #1 Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Group: Community

# of attendees: 172

Location: Spectrum Community School Gymnasium

What do you think about the proposed Elementary School catchments?

Keep South Park is It is a highly valued school of choice w/ so years of proud history. No!

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No! South Park has a proud legacy as a school of ~~ch~~**his** a vanguard institution in this district. Keep South Park-non catchment and as is!

Schools are more than desks and blackboards. School are institutions built from community of teachers, parents and stude80.4 22.441 0.72e2y Tf 11. 3.3 (t>7.5 (o)-6.7 (u)2.3 (t)-3 (h)2.3 ( )10

SP is inclusive! Not exclusive to catchment  
South Park has 45 year history that should be cherished

Why are French Immersion parents more valued than School of Choice parents? I was just told that making programs was not an option, because the parents & community would protest too much! We should NOT be pitting families & students against each other, but working to provide a plethora of educational choice for all students. to in ldoateaf omam--1.3 (t)7.9,





for the parents now faced with uncertainties. This group deserves utmost care.

Consultation was skipped/ these vulnerable families.

This important school is for special students and needs stay open!- Grade5 student C.

The most vulnerable students in the district. Don't do this.

This makes no sense. These families were not consulted in the questionnaire.

This is a special school, so don't shut it down. -

Really? In today's environment we need more ~~of sb~~ avenues of support not less!

We are already suffering major EA shortage in our district.

How are you planning to support these fragile students?

What happens when their EA is absent with no replacement? As this is the current status of things on a

daily basis in the schools right now

Human rights violation

Keep on taking from our most vulnerable students? How

can you propose to close Victor School, with no other plan s ou(r)-2.8 3 (



	<p>Please consider more than distance for school bus eligibility - safe walking routes are often viable in winter. Changing the Swan Lake area to Glanford has our children crossing major roads &amp; a highway.</p>
<p>What do you think about the proposed reopening of Richmond Elementary?</p>	<p>I like it the way it is :) Grade 5 student Cadence  This campus should be used to alleviate elementary capacity issues (shouldn't have been closed). This would be a wonderful solution to our over capacity issues in French Immersion. (Elementary)  Great!  Richmond should be used to alleviate overcrowding@ Oaklands &amp; Willows, not to further the FI cause.</p>
<p>What do you think about the proposed Secondary School catchments?</p>	<p>Spectrum is projected to be over capacity forever yet it is proposed to enlarge it. How does that work? Could Esquimalt not have some of the catchment?  Why do you want to send someone from Tillicum to Esquimalt High? They're in walking distance to Spectrum</p>
<p>What do you think about the proposed Hillcrest catchment boundary?</p> <p>What do you like? What potential concerns do you have?</p>	<p>No comments.</p>
<p>Your Thoughts?  Tell us about how you see these changes affecting your family. Are there any ideas or concerns that need to be considered?</p>	<p>South Park is open to all families in SD61. Families choose to come to SP because of its philosophy. When you take away the choice to come to SP, you take away the ability to choose SP's family philosophy. Thereby destroying its culture &amp; removing the family aspect.  Schools of choice are necessary, not optional, in a healthy society that promotes diversity, inclusion, and respects individual children's different approaches to learning.  Where is the data? Seems cherry picked  Where is the long term thinking?  Can we see data for SP families catchments (Current)  What are you going to do about Craigflower to encourage families that are in catchment to go there?  What's the alternative to the new elementary catchment proposals?  How viable is the proposed south park catchment long term? How many families currently live in proposed or new catchment?  Have you thought of offering more programs of choice at schools that are under-enrolled to shift from the maxed out schools?</p>



the recent parent survey; using this survey as a basis for support for the current proposal seems disingenuous. I would like a longer time frame with more parent consultation.

Feels like you already had a plan in mind and wrote a survey to suit it.

Only 20% of South Park families fall within the proposed new South Park catchment. However... over 50% of families are in the current catchments of James Bay, Quadra, SJD, George Jay. South Park is already alleviating these over or near capacity schools. If these families have younger siblings you are forcing them to try and get in to already crowded schools.

We planned five years back knowing South Park feeds into Central for LFI. Now it's all changed. My child will lose cohorts and LFI.

Clovedale has been a success, I've seen the amazing changes in my own child. The school spirit including parents, teachers and kids is amazing! The school is full of all kinds of people but everyone expects success. Please don't take away what everyone has worked so hard to achieve. The traditional model should be expanded not taken out. ionty (k (k.5 ( e)-6 r



& we can help come up with solutions that would preserve our schools.

French Immersion is also a choice, why are they not being targeted?

I Love Cloverdale!

Please keep 1 community in 1 catchment. Thx.

This is a major shift. Please allow more time to explore alternatives.

There should be more programs of choice ~~rather~~ than less / none. Consider adding these programs at ~~unsub~~scribed schools to alleviate overcrowding elsewhere.

How about moving some of the FI programs out of the Quadra corridor and into the more remote schools. Spread them out!

Keep South Park a ~~family~~ School! We choose to participate in our kids education & that has value!

Catchment boundaries should be reviewed and changed

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What could be more equitable than a school district catchment? Eliminating 3 schools of choice means less equality.

How many South Park kids already live in JB, SJD, catchments? Which ones?

Cloverdale + South Park school allow more spaces in catchment schools by giving alternatives.

Taking choice away

Programs of choice should include South Park & Cloverdale

Not all children can handle French immersion especially children with special needs who benefit from family school model parent involvement.

This change is massive, disruptive, and will reduce community capacity across Greater Victoria. All families deserve equitable & equal access to SP

Why weren't schools of choice included as programs of choice in the survey? Elementary school creates the foundation of a child's learning. Schools of choice are an essential

Some felt like leadin

you want to do (3) How you are going to do it. (4) Anticipated impacts (5) Ask for feedback.

Siblings unable to attend same school if South Park/Cloverdale become catchment.

Baragar projections suggest a peak in 2020 and then stay constant at about 75 above current

(1) Our new proposed catchment has us crossing major roads/highway (2) Why aren't SP/CTS listed as schools of choice

Program of choice = South Park Family School Parent Participation

The survey did not ask about elementary schools of choice. There is great value in a roomful of people hearing the same information at the same time and having the opportunity to respond and hear the many details and points of view. A public conversation is my preference for the consultation process.

Please try bussing if necessary. Don't eliminate these 2 family schools of choice.

If you're not sure that year-over-year the population of South Park will come from schools that are at capacity - you can't say from year-to-year that making SP a catchment school will help capacity issues then it seems a short-sighted gamble to eliminate the program that has benefited students (pedagogy) throughout the district for decades.

We have a lot of social capital and family intelligence at South Park Many of our families ride bikes or walk to school already I consider S.P. close (10 min. drive) even

though we would not be in catchment. It is still cn.6(c)-1.9 (ap)2.3 s.004 T



	<p>But the closure of schools of choice was not clearly stated in the survey. Feedback without context is at best flawed, and at worst meaningless.</p> <p>How is the theme of greater access to program of choice being supported in this plan?</p> <p>Elementary programs of choice were not included in this survey. Why?</p> <p>Questions were asked regarding choices in the secondary level- not primary? Isn't breakfast the most important?</p> <p>Trustees have been saying that consultation with muni. gov has occurred this is not true! A data request for growth projections is not consultation.</p> <p>The survey only referred to FI or HS programs of choice. Why were no questions about preference for and support of elementary schools of choice included? There was a clear bias against elementary schools of choice by excluding all data pertaining to these schools was there a pre-established agenda prior to consultation? Confirmation bias</p>
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