

# APPENDIX N

## Comprehensive Boundary Review (Phase I) Approved and Deferred Boundary Revisions



## **SUMMARY**

Phase I of the Comprehensive Boundary Review (2020-21 Boundary Revisions) concluded at a public meeting held 11 December 2019 where, after reviewing all feedback received from stakeholder groups and the public, the Board of Education approved the adoption of 28 school catchment boundary revisions to be implemented for the 2020/21 school year and the deferral of eight (8) school catchment boundary revisions to Phase II (South Central Region Secondary Boundary Review, Integrated with Possible Consolidation Options).

## **BACKGROUND**

The Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), adopted by the Richmond Board of Education at a public meeting held 26 June 2019, contains a number of strategy recommendations to be undertaken over the next few years.

During Summer 2019, Planning & Development staff developed an action plan and proposed timing for addressing the priorities and recommendations in the LRFP. Section 5.3.5 - Enrolment Management of the LRFP states:

*“A number of school catchments no longer reflect the original population patterns that existed when the boundaries were last adjusted. This issue is contributing to capacity issues in a number of schools.*

*The School District will need to review and potentially adjust school catchment area boundaries by 2021-2022 school year as an outcome of the Long Range Facilities Plan. All boundary move recommendations identified in Chapter 9 for communities of schools regions are for consideration only, and implementation must follow the normal boundary review process, including public and stakeholder feedback opportunities from affected school communities. The Boundary Review Process is summarized in Subsection 5.3.6 of this Plan. The Board of Education is ultimately responsible for establishing and making amendments to school catchments, pursuant to the School Act.”*

As such, at the Board Workshop held 25 September 2019, staff recommended that the LRFP Action Plan commence with a 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
- **Phase III** – South Central Region and West Region Elementary Boundary Review, Integrated with Seismic Upgrade Strategy and Possible Consolidation Options

## **REVIEW AND ANALYSIS (PHASE I)**

On 21 October 2019, District staff initiated the engagement plan for Phase I supported by Trustees at the workshop held 07 October 2019:

- meetings were held with the Executives of our stakeholder groups;
- the Let’s Talk SD38 Proposed School Boundary Revisions website was launched, with on-line feedback received until 15 November 2019 - over 4,400 visits were made to the website, with 133 visitors providing written feedback and eight comments received via e-mail;
- letters were sent to all families of affected schools by the School Principal advising them of the proposed boundary revisions with instructions on how to provide feedback;
- information was shared with all media outlets, real estate board, Richmond City Council, MLAs and others on the engagement list; and
- enhanced engagement was conducted with school communities as required.

Planning staff also met with District Transportation staff to discuss the potential impact on existing student bussing resulting from proposed boundary revisions.

### APPROVED BOUNDARY REVISIONS

After reviewing all feedback received and looking ahead to future phases of the comprehensive school catchment boundary review, staff compiled a list of 28 revisions recommended to be implemented for the 2020/2021 school year, which were approved at the public meeting 11 December 2019 under Phase I:

Approved Boundary Revision	Description/Rationale for Approval
1. Mitchell Elementary (Caithcart Road) to Tait Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current commercial area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
2. Tait Elementary (East of Shell Road) to Mitchell Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current industrial area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
3. Blundell Elementary (South of Francis Road) to Errington Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing</li> <li>• Only 4 potentially impacted students</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
4. Thompson Elementary (South of Granville Avenue) to Boyd Elementary 4a. Burnett Secondary (South of Granville Avenue) to Boyd Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing (Granville Avenue)</li> <li>• Only 4 potentially impacted students (1 K-7, 3 8-12)</li> <li>• No comments received.</li> </ul>
5. McNeely Elementary (West of No. 3 Road) to Mitchell Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current industrial area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
6. Kingswood Elementary (East of Graybar Road) to Hamilton Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current industrial area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
7. Westwind Elementary (East of Gilbert Road) to Maple Lane Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current agricultural area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
8. Kidd Elementary (West of No. 3 Road) to Maple Lane Elementary 8a. McNair Secondary (West of No. 3 Road) to Steveston-London Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current agricultural area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current agricultural area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current agricultural area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
11. Mitchell Elementary (South of Cambie Road) to McNeely Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvement</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing (Cambie Road)</li> <li>• Close to 50% of regular students currently living in the move area already attend McNeely</li> <li>• Only 2 comments received</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing (No. 2 Road)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>

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13. Ferris Elementary (South of Francis Road) to Errington Elementary 13a. Richmond Secondary (South of Francis Road) to Steveston-London Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing (Francis Road)</li> <li>• Only one comment received</li> </ul>
14. Byng Elementary (North of Steveston Highway) to Steves Elementary 14a. McMath Secondary (North of Steveston Highway) to Boyd Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing (Steveston Highway)</li> <li>• Only one comment received</li> </ul>
16. Tait Elementary (West of Highway 99) to Talmev Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current commercial/industrial area)</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
19. Westwind Elementary (West of Fentiman Place) to Byng Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul>
20. Cambie Secondary (West of Highway 99) to MacNeill Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• No potentially impacted students (current commercial/industrial area)</li> <li>• Only one comment received</li> </ul>
22. Richmond Secondary to Steveston-London Secondary [Blundell Elementary, north of Blundell Road]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to eliminate the split feeder catchment for Blundell Elementary in order to keep student cohorts together in secondary school</li> <li>• Reflects new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• Only 4 comments received</li> </ul>
24. Burnett Secondary to Boyd Secondary [Grauer Elementary, north of Blundell Road]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to eliminate the split feeder catchment for Grauer Elementary in order to keep student cohorts together in secondary school</li> <li>• Only 3 comments received</li> </ul>
25. Boyd Secondary to Burnett Secondary [McKay Elementary, south of Blundell Road]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to eliminate the split feeder catchment for McKay Elementary in order to keep student cohorts together in secondary school</li> <li>• Only one comment received.</li> </ul>

**DEFERRED BOUNDARY REVISIONS**

A total of eight (8) proposed boundary revisions were recommended by staff to be deferred to Phase II (South Central Region Secondary Boundary Review, Integrated with Possible Consolidation Options), as further analysis is required to determine implications on student transportation for those in the proposed move areas (including possible additional bus routes). All eight (8) boundary revisions were approved for deferral to Phase II at the public meeting on 11 December 2019:

Deferred Boundary Revision	Description/Rationale for Deferral
15. Whiteside Elementary (North of Williams Road) to Lee Elementary 15a. McRoberts Secondary (North of Williams Road) to McNair Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary alignment improvements</li> <li>• Improves student safety by reducing a major road crossing (Williams Road)</li> <li>• 19 potentially impacted K-7 students</li> <li>• No comments received, however the reduced catchment area for McRoberts requires additional consultation and analysis as part of the Phase II - South Central Secondary Boundary Review</li> </ul>
17. Kingswood Elementary (East of Highway 99) to McNeely Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• 22 potentially impacted K-7 students</li> <li>• No comments received, however further analysis is required to determine implications on student transportation for those in the proposed move area</li> <li>• Connected to revision 21</li> </ul>
18. Woodward Elementary (East of Highway 99) to McNeely Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• 4 potentially impacted K-7 students</li> <li>• One comment received, however further analysis is required to determine implications on student transportation for those in the proposed move area</li> <li>• Connected to revision 21</li> </ul>
21. McNair Secondary (East of Highway 99) to Cambie Secondary [Kingswood and Woodward Elementary catchments east of Hwy 99]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• 18 potentially impacted Grade 8-12 students</li> <li>• 4 comments received</li> <li>• Further analysis is required to determine implications on student transportation for those in the proposed move area. The reduced catchment area for McNair requires additional consultation and analysis as part of the Phase II - South Central Secondary Boundary Review</li> </ul>
21a. McNair Secondary (East of Highway 99) to Cambie Secondary [Hamilton catchment]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to reflect new regions defined in the LRFP</li> </ul>

Deferred Boundary Revision	Description/Rationale for Deferral
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 213 potentially impacted Grade 8-12 students</li> <li>• Further analysis is required to determine implications on student transportation for those in the proposed move area. The reduced catchment area for McNair requires additional consultation and analysis as part of the Phase II - South Central Secondary Boundary Review</li> <li>• <b>Was already deferred to Phase II and was not included in the proposed revisions for Phase I consultation</b></li> </ul>
<p>23. McRoberts Secondary (Lee Elementary catchment, west of Garden City Road) to McNair Secondary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to eliminate the split feeder catchment for Lee Elementary in order to keep student cohorts together in secondary school</li> <li>• 69 potentially impacted Grade 8-12 students</li> <li>• 71 comments received. Significant concerns were expressed, predominantly with a perception that it may be driving a future secondary school closure process</li> <li>• The reduced catchment area for McRoberts requires additional consultation and analysis as part of the Phase II - South Central Secondary Boundary Review</li> </ul>
<p>26. McMath Secondary (Westwind Elementary catchment, east of Fentiman Place) to Steveston-London Secondary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary adjustment to eliminate the split feeder catchment for Westwind Elementary in order to keep student cohorts together in secondary school</li> <li>• Reflects new regions defined in the LRFP</li> <li>• 85 potentially impacted Grade 8-12 students</li> <li>• 45 comments received. Significant concerns were expressed, predominantly with respect to proximity to McMath vs. Steveston-London</li> <li>• The Long Range Facilities Plan recognized that Westwind Elementary could remain a split feeder catchment due to potential neighbourhood issues and other considerations</li> <li>• Requires additional consultation and analysis as part of the Phase II - South Central Region Secondary Boundary Review</li> </ul>