

## Q25 Is there anything else you would like to share about the catchment boundary review?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would expect that if catchment boundaries were to change, children already attending could stay in that school, and that siblings entering in the public school system in the upcoming years would be able to attend the same school as there sibling. Also, it would be nice to see a second language introduced earlier early in the education system.	12/1/2018 11:24 PM
2	I am happy to hear that a review is being done, I understand it is not an easy process, and I am extremely hopeful that the voices of the Chilco Rd families are heard, and our catchment boundaries are extended to include Chilco Rd in Eagle View elementary's catchment. I encourage you to read all of the statistics and projected information that was already reviewed last year for our Chilco area, and that was presented to us at a parent meeting at the school with both the past and current superintendents present. Thank you for your time.	12/1/2018 10:54 PM
3	Glad to see it occurring. Periodic reviews are important.	12/1/2018 8:57 PM
4	I think if possible, Leave kids where they are currently and make the boundary changes for any future enrollement.	12/1/2018 2:51 PM
5	I would like to see access to French Immersion for Middle School more centralized. Shoreline is not central for most children now attending Marigold. Colquitz would be my choice in moving the program.	12/1/2018 12:17 PM
6	There was not enough consideration of school quality in this survey. That is the biggest driver of school choice for me and parents I talk to.	12/1/2018 8:13 AM
7	Are some schools under capacity? Not sure this exercise makes sense. Why not just increase resources in area that need it. In stead of wasting money sharing the pain	12/1/2018 1:33 AM
8	Please assess the French Immersion separately from the English catchment. Kids who have been in French Immersion from kindergarten should be allowed to attend the French Immersion high school which is closest to their home. Younger siblings should also be able to attend the same schools no matter what happens. Those currently in the system should be grandfathered and not expected to change abruptly. Driving per family should be minimized. I have 4 kids and at one point it seemed like I would have to bring them to 4 different schools...this is ridiculous!!	12/1/2018 1:25 AM
9	All children (families) should be able to access French Immersion, and ideally in their catchment area (whatever those will eventually look like). Canada has been defined as a multicultural country with a bilingual framework for decades and yet many families are unable to secure French immersion for their child(ren). This inequity results in disadvantages as there are many advantages in our country for those who are truly bilingual. If being bilingual is a necessity to be Prime Minister then the education system needs to ensure all children are able to access French programs. I don't want to live in a country where a "lottery" (how students are currently selected for French immersion enrollment) determines who our next Prime Minister is.	11/30/2018 10:57 PM
10	Would like options to go to school outside of catchment	11/30/2018 10:38 PM
11	It isn't easy building and managing schools when demographics shift so much. Why not create more schools downtown asost of us work there, or surrounding the core so enroute? You could think creatively ie lease floors of office buildings and just like SouthPark enable people to choose these sxhools if say their catxhment school is to far away or doesn't work for them	11/30/2018 10:11 PM
12	Not at this time.	11/30/2018 8:43 PM
13	Too many children are attending schools outside their catchment because they are enrolled at grandparent's homes (in Victoria) when they actually live in Colwood / Langford and their parents work downtown. District needs better monitoring of this (if they are concerned with school enrolment numbers).	11/30/2018 8:39 PM

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14	Let's consider more languages - there is so much interest in our community and students from different cultural backgrounds who can share their language. This doesn't necessarily mean full immersion. And please let's avoid segregation by income, indigenous vs. settler, etc.	11/30/2018 8:15 PM
15	I support policies to enable children to attend the school that is closest to their home. I.e. to ensure there is space for catchment area children over children from other areas.	11/30/2018 7:44 PM
16	None	11/30/2018 7:18 PM
17	Please keep easy access to public bus route a primary consideration, allowing students an easy walk to a bus stop and avoiding bus transfers. Thank you!	11/30/2018 6:42 PM
18	Access to your local school should be first priority. If you are seeking a more specialized option then that may necessarily require more travel. Focus on general school access first for those in catchment.	11/30/2018 6:24 PM
19	I hope this helps with funding	11/30/2018 6:11 PM
20	Drop the catchment boundary restrictions and allow kids the freedom to attend whichever school.	11/30/2018 5:40 PM
21	I would like to see families that have homes specifically in their current catchment to remain in their catchment. Over the past couple of years housing inflation has made it near impossible for families to relocate should a catchment boundary shift prove unfavourable to their current situation. If the catchment shift did not take effect until such a date that parents with children within the catchment were not impacted, such a change would be more accommodating to families.	11/30/2018 5:33 PM
22	I think we should move away from programs of choice and back to a more community school model.	11/30/2018 5:19 PM
23	Please don't change the catchment for Willows	11/30/2018 5:02 PM
24	during the transition time there should be an arbitration process for parents that wish to challenge the catchment boundary for their kids. this would give time for planning	11/30/2018 5:00 PM
25	Please please prioritize access to french immersion throughout the district so that access is more equal. Access to french immersion is not equalized throughout the district so that some schools there are long waiting lists (eg: Marigold) while other schools do not. And access for those parents on long wait lists do not have as much chance to access french immersion as families at schools with short wait lists.	11/30/2018 4:59 PM
26	we were informed that grade 8 students would be grandfathered in? is this true? my email is Karen@applepilates.com	11/30/2018 4:36 PM
27	What about English being a program of choice??!! French immersion was a case of program of luck for 2017/18, and without the portables, it wasn't clear if our son would even be able to attend his catchment school in English. This survey fails to capture preferences for those in the English program, regardless of what their interests for French were. Kids should be able to go to their catchment school for English. This should never be questionable!	11/30/2018 4:28 PM
28	Siblings should go to the same school if they are within the same range of age	11/30/2018 4:23 PM
29	Esquimalt high school needs an upgrade bad. portables look bad. Front door area could be updated as well as field.	11/30/2018 4:21 PM
30	I look forward to hearing about the results of this survey and the future of this discussion.	11/30/2018 4:07 PM
31	That is critical to ensure that there is equal access to opportunities within District 61, without having kids having to take two buses to attend a program of choice, etc. These options should be made more widely available in different schools - they can always be adjusted to be larger or smaller programs in those schools depending on the demographics.	11/30/2018 3:54 PM
32	If the rules were changed to require us to go to our catchment school we would instead change districts.	11/30/2018 3:46 PM
33	Gonzales area east of St. Charles should remain in Oak Bay high school area. This would mean our child can enroll with current cohort and could easily travel to high school by public bus.	11/30/2018 3:32 PM
34	It is taking forever... you promised it would be in place for this coming registration in January, and you failed again. Quit messing around and get it done. Oh, and maybe reopen some of the school that you so shortsightedly closed 10 years ago and we wouldn't even be having this problem in the first place.	11/30/2018 3:24 PM
35	I support keeping schools reasonable and these never ending portables are an unsustainable plan.	11/30/2018 3:21 PM

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36	I feel emphasis should be on catchment students being able to attend their catchment school over programs/schools of choice - these should be an exception and different system of selection than catchment. Similarly, students in catchment area of a school of choice should not have any advantage/priority for that school if they want to attend.	11/30/2018 3:09 PM
37	Many school (ie Oaklands) are too full because parents are understandably not wanting their child to be in the English track of a dual track school, so they find a way to get in to an English only school that is not inner-city.	11/30/2018 3:08 PM
38	I think that catchment boundaries should be protections, not preventions. Students should be able to go to their catchment school if they choose (because of proximity to home) but should be able to choose to get into another school if they want (because of access to programs). That would mean that the school system needs to be flexible with respect to school numbers, and I understand that could be difficult. But then there are portables. Could there be floating teaching positions to give the school board more flexibility as the population of each school becomes known? As it is, even with catchments being strictly adhered to, my son's school (SJD) doesn't seem to be able to sort out classrooms until the 2nd week of September ... and it amazes me how many split classes there are. It's already a puzzle. This would allow students to go where they need to be for a variety of reasons. Thanks for the survey! :)	11/30/2018 3:06 PM
39	Additional schools are needed in some areas to address the population needs. Changing boundaries will not address all over-capacity issues.	11/30/2018 3:00 PM
40	That we don't need another committee about a committee... this has already been in progress for years and you need to stop redoing work that has already been done. You have an "I" and in my opinion, are about to fail. Get on with it!	11/30/2018 2:59 PM
41	I support choice for parents in terms of where their children are enrolled. French Immersion schools should be evenly distributed throughout the entire GVSD, not concentrated toward the core of the city.	11/30/2018 2:55 PM
42	Concerned that this could force our child out of pathway school and away from peers	11/30/2018 2:49 PM
43	Victoria is small enough that every kid should be able to walk/bike to a school of their choice. Proximity is important, and providing program flexibility as well	11/30/2018 2:44 PM
44	For starters, if all schools offered comparable programming then there would be less grief from parents about where kids go. I'd love to have nearby schools that meet our needs, but beyond elementary, our catchment is neither nearby or desirable--and then we are unable to transfer to next closest and more convenient schools that are the right fit for our child. System is frustrating. Secondly what about gradually phasing out hard boundaries and meeting demand where it exists. Communities change and will continue to do so. Firm boundaries don't always work for those living right on boundary or working far from home. Here's a brilliant idea--HAVE BOUNDARIES THAT OVERLAP LIKE VENN DIAGRAMS TO ALLOW FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY.	11/30/2018 2:41 PM
45	I think programs of choice are important -- clearly, as my daughter is in french immersion -- and it is important to have them located in a variety of areas across the region, as much as possible. However, I think would be upsetting to have children within the catchment be forced to go out of catchment, because children from further away have bumped them.	11/30/2018 2:40 PM
46	our Catchment schools are crowded because people want to come here, but we have made it work, and have enjoyed friends from other parts of the city. So a tweak rather than an overhaul might be in order.	11/30/2018 2:39 PM
47	Questions #13 and 19 need clarification as they are unclear.	11/30/2018 2:22 PM
48	(1) Based purely on the catchment area boundaries, it is ridiculous that children who live further from specific schools have been able to get into schools and those living closer have not managed to. For example, children who live near Quadra/Finlayson (4.5 km away) and have attended Quadra Elem. then Landsdowne for late immersion can get into Oak Bay Secondary whereas those who attended SJD and live on Moss Street (2.5 km away from Oak Bay Sec.) have not been able to get into Oak Bay Secondary without dropping out of French immersion...those who live closest should have priority to get in. (2) It does not make sense that not everyone in a middle school is part of the same pathway. My daughter made new friends who had attended Margaret Jenkins while she was at Central Middle School. New connections and friendships are wonderful to be able to continue...but then only those who were from Margaret Jenkins (or who moved into the Oak Bay catchment area) were allowed to attend Oak Bay Secondary. All children in French immersion at a middle school should be part of the same secondary school pathway.	11/30/2018 2:21 PM

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49	I do not like having to crossing a highway to get to an elementary school. also consider travel routes for neighbourhoods when drawing boundaries.	11/30/2018 2:16 PM
50	Not at this time.	11/30/2018 2:07 PM
51	French Immersion boundaries don't need to be the same as English. ie. we live in Cadboro Bay and are 2km closer to Oak Bay than Reynolds. Plus one bus instead of two.	11/30/2018 1:57 PM
52	Keep neighbourhoods intact, increase the quality of all schools appropriate to the need of their social structure, education has to be the first priority for a nation, seen from any angle: social peace, better economic decisions, better awareness of connections between social, economic and ecologic activities etc.	11/30/2018 1:56 PM
53	I think it is not good for school populations to get too big. It would be better to open new programs in new locations so that kids are not attending schools where they are one of 1000 (or more) kids. Hard to feel emotional safe when you are lost in such big population. Families want more specialized programs that are smaller.	11/30/2018 1:52 PM
54	If catchments were to shift, work with the government to get a general sense on the population to make these shifts more favourable.	11/30/2018 1:51 PM
55	Please listen to the voices. I have been to district meetings and it appears decisions are made before the galley has a chance to be heard	11/30/2018 1:51 PM
56	In the absence of a strong school bus system, it is important to us to be able to send our children when they are in elementary and middle school to send them to the closest location possible safely.	11/30/2018 1:49 PM
57	I do not agree with the prioritization of student enrolment that the Board approved last year. I believe students already in the school system should have been "grandfathered" so that the application of the new priorities would only be for new students to the system. By changing the enrolment priorities for existing students, you are unfairly "changing the goalposts" and penalizing these students for no reason. It is harmful that this policy change will potentially disrupt the school pathway/transitions of many students who will be negatively affected during an already challenging time in their lives (transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary schools). I believe that the decision to change the student enrolment priorities have compounded the problem that this catchment boundary review is trying to "solve." I do hope common sense will prevail and boundaries will be changed so students can attend their closest school in their neighbourhood regardless of catchment areas.	11/30/2018 1:45 PM
58	Leave it the way it is	11/30/2018 1:13 PM
59	Please add French Immersion to Monterey Middle School if possible.	11/30/2018 12:57 PM
60	Yes, I really wanted my son to attend French Immersion and we selected the school and where we chose to live based on this. Yet, we were unsuccessful in getting in getting in. Add more portables and teachers, so students can enroll in these important programs.	11/30/2018 12:38 PM
61	I feel strongly about children having access to the appropriate educational setting for them. My son is highly gifted and needs this additional support to thrive. Challenge programs should be accessible to All gifted students meeting criteria. And I believe that what is offered at HS level in Esquimalt and Mt. Doug (Challenge) should be offered for middle school age gifted students. They should be in class with their cohorts. My son has good "gifted" enrichment through Mr. Barnes at Monterey Middle but he, and I believe other gifted students, would benefit from being together more for core academics...it's an important age for this to take place.	11/30/2018 12:35 PM
62	Kids can attend school where they want to be . No catchment boundaries	11/30/2018 12:30 PM
63	Reopen schools rather than force boundary changes. Honour the pathway system that parents of elementary school kids based their original choice for school on.	11/30/2018 12:19 PM
64	Catchment boundary should be designed according to the population of the potential catchment students, not the popularity of the school based on program of choice	11/30/2018 12:01 PM

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65	I think some shifting of catchment borders needs to happen. Traffic flow needs to be considered. Traffic patterns have changed over the years as well. My child, who will be hopefully attending a late French program next year, has to travel 4.4km to school and it is into terrible traffic. If I was to give her a ride there I would then be stuck in traffic for 40mins to get back toward my residence or into town for work. I feel like choice schools and programs of choice (with the exception of French Immersion) should be reconsidered. As a parent who chose to send my kids to a choice school, I regret it now. I think the resources would be more fairly spent if those schools and programs did not exist. Every child deserves the same and I think our district would be serving everyone better if they didn't exist.	11/30/2018 11:53 AM
66	French immersion is really high in demand in Victoria and schools had closed (like uplands) and it needs to be reconsidered to open schools when there are more kids. Every child who wants to be in French immersion should be given access.	11/30/2018 11:47 AM
67	Offer more french immersion schools/programs.	11/30/2018 10:56 AM
68	No	11/30/2018 10:46 AM
69	I think, if children have been in the same school for three years or more, they should stay in that school. It would be hard on the children to change schools, when there is 1 or 2 years left in the school. Let them finish and then move them to their catchment school.	11/30/2018 10:14 AM
70	We have two children, one entering school in 2019, and one entering in 2021. It's *extremely* important to us that if our catchment school changes in between those years, we have the option of "grandfathering" our youngest child into the same school as her older sister. It's not feasible for our family to drop off/pickup our kids at different schools.	11/30/2018 10:13 AM
71	Keep kids close to home so they develop local friendships to be connected and invested in communities.	11/30/2018 10:07 AM
72	There needs to be better monitoring of parents/caregivers who do not reside in the catchment area ! I know of people who use another person's address for their catchment area of choice so that their child can attend that school. This is morally wrong and unfair for the people who live and pay taxes in the area for their child to attend school where he / she lives. It is very stressful to not know if your child is going to be able to attend their catchment school at time of registration! The lineups beginning at 5 am or earlier for a parent to register their child IN THEIR CATCHMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE .... and then still not knowing if the child will be attending that school following registration ! There has to be a more accurate method to monitor if the child resides in the catchment area! Possible proof of address with the child's name is one method... It indeed DOES need revising to make it fair for the residents who reside in the catchment area!!	11/30/2018 9:47 AM
73	We're happy with our catchment as-is.	11/30/2018 9:46 AM
74	This isn't an easy job; I wish you the best in sorting out the challenge of enrolment & catchment areas!	11/30/2018 9:44 AM
75	We only have one child but aiming to keep siblings together seems a priority to me.	11/30/2018 9:35 AM
76	Some families are using inappropriate methods to appear as if they live in the catchment. This is unfortunate, for a number of reasons. Consequently, I encourage the school district to review the procedures for registration.	11/30/2018 9:28 AM
77	No	11/30/2018 9:22 AM
78	I understand that something needs to be done to address the catchment boundary issue. Would it be possible to phase it in to allow current kids and their siblings, that are currently attending their catchment school, to continue?	11/30/2018 9:16 AM
79	No, would be more desired if the ability to send children to schools outside their catchment was easier	11/30/2018 8:54 AM
80	what is the point of catchment boundaries? I want my child to attend school either close to home or close to my place of employment. I want my child to attend a school that supports his learning and offers a quality education. If my child desires to attend a school because it has a specialized program of interest to him he should be able to. At this time I believe I just have to do paperwork to have my child attend wherever I want. This works for me. Really what's wrong with a first come first serve go to whatever school suites the family system?	11/30/2018 8:48 AM
81	In our case, we are close to campus view, but for middle and secondary we would have to travel significantly further to continue to be "in catchment" as well as stay in French.	11/30/2018 8:15 AM

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82	I hope that any new construction is built bigger than current needs. Schools like Oak Bay should have been bigger and I think that extra space could be made available to community groups until student populations increase to fill the space. I would like to see more models such as the combined use of Cordova Bay Elementary with seniors and children together in one location.	11/30/2018 7:51 AM
83	Move programs of choice out of the popular schools to less popular schools. That would change the demographic as well as the numbers. If people want programs of choice they should be the ones that have to travel. If late French all moved out to shoreline from central, for example, suddenly central would be able to accommodate the catchment kids. Or dance academy moved from vic high out to a less popular school... Much more fair. People would be angry but people will be angry anyway. And maybe it's time for the families that want choice to be the ones that are angry. I also think that French should not be a program of choice. I know that it is so my response reflects this but French should be offered to anyone that wants it. Train teachers to teach French.	11/30/2018 7:30 AM
84	Please review the boundary for Rogers Elementary school and what middle school it feeds into. Glanford is the school of choice for most Rogers Students but Royal Oak is also closer and easier to get to than Cedar Hill. So it seems silly that to get to Royal Oak my kids would have to transfer from Victoria to Saanich school District when we live in Saanich and Royal Oak is much closer to our home than Cedar Hill. Hi Simon :-)	11/30/2018 7:12 AM
85	Comporting	11/30/2018 7:05 AM
86	Improve crosswalks and safe sidewalks across the CRD. Saanich and Victoria are the same place. They intersect constantly- the uniformity of bike lanes and sidewalks needs addressing with school board and city councils in both districts. Make it safer to be healthy and walking to school.	11/30/2018 6:56 AM
87	-More programs of choice -Take better care of students at the ends of the cognitive spectrum - Support teachers and students better with faster and higher volume of assessments -Fund proper support in schools, not district fat cats -Actually listen to input this time, don't just go through the motions like with the enrollment priorities where you pretended to listen to input and just did what you originally wanted to anyhow	11/30/2018 4:13 AM
88	There will always be exceptions, as long as there is some flexibility in the future to accommodate people's needs in a fair way to others, the actual boundary is more of a guide than an absolute for determining children's school	11/30/2018 3:55 AM
89	I have been very pleased with my son's ability to attend his sports academy at a school that academically (and socially) is also a better fit for him than his catchment school would have been	11/30/2018 12:11 AM
90	Children of the catchment should come first.	11/30/2018 12:07 AM
91	Wondering how it affects catchment free schools ( South Park and clover dale)	11/30/2018 12:05 AM
92	Yes, the school district must stop prioritizing foreign students before catchment and French pathway kids. Foreign students should not be counted as in-catchment kids, as this skews the results of program planning and catchment studies, which in turn creates policies founded on misinformation.	11/29/2018 11:49 PM
93	Allow some leeway for special needs kids. Consistency in environment and schedule is paramount. And the logistics of after school care have to work for the family. He is 13 years old and must have continuous 1:1 supervision. I work full time and must maintain an infrastructure of care.	11/29/2018 11:31 PM
94	I would like to see Richmond Elementary school reopened as a Greater Victoria Public School.	11/29/2018 11:25 PM
95	Leave Vic West Elementary catchment as-is. We've been in the community for a decade, and the catchment is perfect.	11/29/2018 11:23 PM
96	I understand the need for it (shifting demographics, etc.), but feel either the new enrollement priorities need to go back to siblings having priority...as those that are currently enrolled may have been catchment when they enrolled, but if the boundaries change there will be a whole lot of out of catchment students enrolled...and many with siblings. Families should be able to stay together.	11/29/2018 11:16 PM
97	It is important that the District understand the unique situation of South Park. The district should honour the requests of the current students who are about to enter Middle School.	11/29/2018 11:15 PM
98	Don't think so	11/29/2018 11:06 PM
99	some middle schools have several secondary school choices but others don't? child should have access to more choices.	11/29/2018 11:05 PM

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100	The school district should disclose more info or have a outreach meeting with the public about the review.	11/29/2018 10:47 PM
101	Grandfather in any changes for families already in the system - as many have planned their lives and where they live based on existing catchments	11/29/2018 10:41 PM
102	Re-consider siblings as a top priority for school catchment over boundaries, families are so stretched to try and make everything work and it is hard to split siblings. Also consider special needs kids independently from boundaries, especially siblings! They are famular with their siblings school and we should not split them up!	11/29/2018 10:36 PM
103	No	11/29/2018 10:18 PM
104	Children should be able to walk to school on a safe route.	11/29/2018 10:16 PM
105	Catchment boundary isn't an issue unless you are opening more schools which I would support. Enrollment priorities to keep siblings together is a bigger issue.	11/29/2018 10:08 PM
106	Schools (Richmond Elementary and Uplands Elementary) should be reopened	11/29/2018 9:59 PM
107	No, but I wish there were more schools that had French emerson.	11/29/2018 9:45 PM
108	I think a lot of these catchment area issues are the result of the boundaries not being enforced; of kids being allowed to move cross boundary to attend a French immersion school or school of preference. I hypothesize that if you did a study looking at catchment area schools taking only catchment kids, you will find that the enrollment per school is better balanced. I certainly hope this study has been done and the motivation to move boundaries is not to cater to these boundary jumpers. I have spent a lot of money and effort to live in a catchment area of the schools I want my kids to attend. I will be extremely unhappy if I loose out to one of these schools because of a boundary change. Moreover, I do not agree with the French immersion program because it effectively creates a private school within a public system and I would argue is the root cause of the boundary problem. Schools are part of our community and part of our neighborhoods; kids should be attending their local schools to help foster where they live. Allowing boundary jumpers means streets are busier with parents driving their kids across town, which results in more dangerous roads for all, not to mention the unnecessary pollution this puts into our local air.	11/29/2018 9:44 PM
109	No.	11/29/2018 9:41 PM
110	We need action, not only talk. Everybody is aware of the issue	11/29/2018 9:40 PM
111	people with financial resources will always move to where the best schools are so long term the most important strategy may be not to get the catchment lines right, but to ensure all schools are resourced equally and have good leadership.	11/29/2018 9:36 PM
112	Perhaps a small percent should be made available, by first-come-first-serve basis, available to students outside their own catchment area.	11/29/2018 9:31 PM
113	Please prioritize sibling connections over catchment boundaries. Boundaries shift, people move, families should stay together.	11/29/2018 9:27 PM
114	Please consider the impact on families/children who have built friendships and wish to continue them as they move to middle and high school	11/29/2018 9:23 PM
115	Thought should be given to access to bith out of school care and school district provided bus services when reviewing the boundaries. Both of these are woefully short of providing sufficient service to students in the current catchment system. Furthermore, a change to the catchment area could alter the demand for these services at each school compared to the current demand.	11/29/2018 9:19 PM
116	Only that we want you to revert to the old enrolment priorities. Changes to catchment boundaries will adversely affect any families who suddenly find themselves out of catchment without having moved.	11/29/2018 9:08 PM
117	No	11/29/2018 9:04 PM
118	No	11/29/2018 9:03 PM
119	I would limit the size of catchment areas and have areas between catchment areas that would offer options of choice. Multiple School choices 4 those that need to take transportation regardless of their catchment area.	11/29/2018 9:02 PM

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120	My kids are and were in View royal elementary. My house is just south of Helmcken rd. Current catchment is Shoreline for middle school and Esquiremalt highschool. Distance for high school from my house should be Spectrum community school. One more thing I want to ask is that catchment boundary had better bigger area, not small area. So students can choose their school from their options. Current boundary is so small. And eventually there is no option for students to choose their school.	11/29/2018 8:58 PM
121	The right of students to attend their catchment school needs to come before the rights of those opting for programs of choice.	11/29/2018 8:57 PM
122	Consider the importance of peer group connections and family needs.	11/29/2018 8:56 PM
123	The sense of community schools provide is difficult to imitate. We must keep catchments manageable to ensure students and families can have this valuable resource.	11/29/2018 8:39 PM
124	Encouraging more families to prioritize accessing their catchment school helps reduce travel time for families and cost of driving, etc. If there were most programs of choice offered throughout the district, maybe more families would feel more satisfied remaining closer to home.	11/29/2018 8:36 PM
125	We live in Cadboro Bay and it would be way easier for my child to do French Immersion at Oak Bay then Reynolds—one bus	11/29/2018 8:36 PM
126	Re open uplands school!!!!	11/29/2018 8:29 PM
127	I would like access to closer and better schools	11/29/2018 8:28 PM
128	Good luck! I dont envy you all for making decisions like this!	11/29/2018 8:27 PM
129	Increased portables bring many other challenges for our children including less access to bathrooms, playspace, library, etc. Our school Quadra, feels very crowded.	11/29/2018 8:25 PM
130	Question # 9 - is written in a very unclear way, as well as another question - which I was able to indicate in the notes.	11/29/2018 8:21 PM
131	As a teacher in SD61 as well as a parent of a child in this district, it's a great concern to me. I feel that there must be flexibility for parents so their children can go to nearby schools and get the services they need/want as well as a way to help teachers working in overcrowded schools where every closet is being used as a learning space. With too many portables, the outdoor learning spaces for students begin to decrease, and then there are hundreds of students outside at recess with no place to play - especially when our wet weather causes field closures on some days, forcing the students into even smaller spaces.	11/29/2018 8:19 PM
132	Offer specialty programs at more schools	11/29/2018 7:53 PM
133	With the current rental/ housing market, many families are being priced out of the areas their kids started school and are forced to move to new districts which causes kids anxiety and all the associated issues of change, especially for kids with special needs or behavioural issues.	11/29/2018 7:49 PM
134	No	11/29/2018 7:48 PM
135	We need an elementary school for Henderson Oakbay, and not used for international students.	11/29/2018 7:47 PM
136	Proximity to school was one major factor in purchasing our current home - it would be extremely disappointing to have to attend an alternative school if the boundaries were to change.	11/29/2018 7:36 PM
137	No	11/29/2018 7:35 PM
138	preference to children living in the proper catchments should gradually have priority. Forcing kids out of their current schools is not the way to proceed in my opinion.	11/29/2018 7:05 PM
139	Good luck pleasing the helicopter parents in wealthy areas.	11/29/2018 7:01 PM
140	I don't see the value in many of the special programs. Shouldn't we be educating well rounded students at all schools? Not rugby players at one school, and soccer players at another? I'd prefer to see all schools excel at providing a well rounded education so that families aren't feeling pressured to send their kids to certain schools.	11/29/2018 6:50 PM
141	Yes, families should be given a choice on what school they go to if they move to a neighbourhood for that very reason, and not have an unexpected or unplanned change. This should be addressed when children enter Kindergarten.	11/29/2018 6:39 PM
142	Grandfathering kids in is worth considering.	11/29/2018 6:38 PM



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143	For children who start in a catchment officially, but find themselves out of catchment due to circumstances such as moving, etc., we would hope the district would consider letting these children continue on in this same catchment for middle school, high school.	11/29/2018 6:37 PM
144	Before catchment boundaries are changed there should be a review of options to increase the capacity of current schools or build new schools.	11/29/2018 6:32 PM
145	French schools should be created. Having two track schools is very problematic for families who want to choose English, but having the French classes available in a school makes the English program worse.	11/29/2018 6:17 PM
146	The catchment school in our area is a trauma based school and I do not want our child to attend it. He will fall behind in learning and be exposed to contagious health issues.	11/29/2018 6:12 PM
147	As mentioned at this time this is not a priority	11/29/2018 6:05 PM
148	No	11/29/2018 6:01 PM
149	No	11/29/2018 6:01 PM
150	specialized programs may need to be placed in schools with lower enrollment	11/29/2018 5:59 PM
151	None	11/29/2018 5:46 PM
152	No	11/29/2018 5:28 PM
153	I would be in favour of kids being able to track with their peers in programs of choice. Our child is enrolled at Quadra because it's the closest French Immersion school that offers her grade level (we live in the George Jay catchment but they don't offer her grade level in French Immersion). When she moves to middle school next year, she will have to move to Central, even though all her peers will move to Lansdowne. We would like to have the option for her to stay with her same group of peers. Thanks.	11/29/2018 5:14 PM
154	It's pretty ridiculous to think anyone in Victoria can be selective about where they live for choosing school. We might all love that option but it's not reality. Please don't let that influence your decision - people have to take ANYTHING they can, I imagine it's worse for renters. We would have loved to stay in Victoria or move to Esquimalt, but even spending close to a million we've ended up in deep Gordon Head, nowhere near a preferred location.	11/29/2018 5:00 PM
155	French Immersion should be available in every school so children don't need to travel far to access french immersion. All children should be able to attend the school in their catchment to encourage strong communities. Bike paths should be installed so children can cycle to school safely. Attending schools out of catchment should be discouraged to reduce traffic congestion & pollution associated with parents having to drive children to schools far from where they live.	11/29/2018 5:00 PM
156	No	11/29/2018 4:48 PM
157	N/a	11/29/2018 4:42 PM
158	consideration of re-opening schools that have been closed	11/29/2018 4:42 PM
159	Ensuring an effective transfer process, where proximity to school is a highly weighted variable in the acceptance criteria.	11/29/2018 4:40 PM
160	You have not placed a priority on keeping siblings together; the proposal risks pulling families apart, which weakens a community. Changes to catchment boundaries have the potential to worsen the health care crisis. I would consider moving provinces if I can't have all of my children at the same school. SD61 is also doing a review of the French immersion program, which could change which schools have French immersion. This could also mean my 3 children are at 3 different schools. It could also mean that even if by catchment area they are able to be at the same school, by virtue of changes via the French Immersion Program review they may be split amongst schools. For any parent with multiple children in French immersion it behooves the school board consider changes to catchment boundaries and the French immersion program together. Any potential benefits or concerns for either cannot be adequately conceived or expressed without clearly understanding them in concert. I understand the challenges that you as a school board face. Pulling families apart does not seem like a realistic choice.	11/29/2018 4:40 PM
161	We are at the Saanich, Oak Bay, and Victoria boundaries and because of that, we have to go to Saanich school even it means it is way further than other school in Victoria/Oak Bay.	11/29/2018 4:36 PM
162	Don't change the path that kids are already on!!!	11/29/2018 4:32 PM
163	some schools are earthquake proof, they should be liable to being given higher enrolements	11/29/2018 4:31 PM

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164	Thank you for taking the time to ask. You have a complicated task at hand and we appreciate being part of the dialog. All the best.	11/29/2018 4:28 PM
165	There are not enough French immersion options	11/29/2018 4:25 PM
166	What is wrong with the way the catchment is setup presently, what problems are we trying to solve?	11/29/2018 4:23 PM
167	The Thetis Vale Neighbourhoods catchment High School should not be Esquimalt high,Spectrum is much closer.	11/29/2018 4:12 PM
168	Closer attention should be paid to why parents send their kids to out of catchment schools. More effort should be made to improve the schools parents are choosing not to send their kids to rather than forcing families into these trouble schools. The kids are the ones who suffer in the end and not actively trying to improve the schools is a detriment to the kids attending them and the teachers who are expected to work there. Victoria is small and these problems should be paid attention too.	11/29/2018 4:05 PM
169	We need to accept the fact that we are exceeding the school building occupancy limits due to population growth, and we at the point of a new school, or rebuild to address this.	11/29/2018 3:59 PM
170	We are within a 10 minutes walk from an elementary school and are right on the boundary line. Unfortunately, our catchment school is a 30 minute walk which is too far for my kids to walk and too far for me to walk them every day as I have 3 young children in my home daycare. There are no school buses to our catchment school despite the distance and even if there were, no spaces available for my kids. We are now forced to drive my kids a 20 minute drive to the school that was in their catchment at the beginning of the year. The lack of spaces (and lack of a schools ability to accomodate us) in any schools within a 10 minute drive from our home is deplorable. I have no way to get my kids to school come January 1st as there are no school buses to get them there. We just have to wait and hope that spaces open up by then.	11/29/2018 3:58 PM
171	Before redesigning the catchments why not ask for clear proof of residency. There are MANY people attending out of the catchment schools already. Let's get those people into the correct school and then see if catchment redesign is needed. Simple clear rules and enforcement before the redesign.	11/29/2018 3:57 PM
172	Navigating through childhood is a very challenging thing. when a child is settled in a school and has established a network of friends, I feel it is very important that they can stay together. For both moral and educational support. The current housing market across Victoria makes it very challenging for young families. We were not able to remain in our catchment, although we did live in it for years. We have no family in town and rely on other parents when we have work commitments to help look after our kids. With the number of Pro D days and early dismissals (sometimes multiple a month) without the parental connections we have through our children's school friends it would make what is already a challenging and stressful situation even worse. Once children enter the education system, they should be able to continue down the same education stream as their peers. It will be extremely detrimental to the mental stability of children in the day and age we live in if this is not allowed. Shifting boundaries could help ease future problems but should not be used to re direct current school groups.	11/29/2018 3:44 PM
173	consider grandfathering for siblings	11/29/2018 3:38 PM
174	Our child being pushed from the school and losing that connection with teachers and other students. Or losing access to the French program.	11/29/2018 3:35 PM
175	No	11/29/2018 3:33 PM
176	No	11/29/2018 3:29 PM
177	Question 22 makes it seem like redistributing the Programs of Choice is the only option if kids can't go to their catchment school. I do not think this is a good faith question, but rather one that forces respondents to make a bad choice. There are likely other solutions if some creativity is applied to the problem.	11/29/2018 3:28 PM
178	It's about education quality at the end of the day, not boundaries. I'm sure you'll work it out. Thank you.	11/29/2018 3:13 PM
179	Schools of choice should remain just that	11/29/2018 3:07 PM
180	Boundaries should have an overlap area to accommodate preference to go either direction for homes that sit near the edge of another boundary. This way they can be considered before other out of catchment transfers.	11/29/2018 3:00 PM

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181	Thanks for reviewing and trying to find solutions to a complicated and sensitive issue!	11/29/2018 2:57 PM
182	The study of school catchments should go hand in hand with neighbourhood plans. Do not make children move schools. If a family lives in the current catchment, they should in perpetuity have access to their neighbourhood school for all of their children. New residents can fall into the new catchment area.	11/29/2018 2:54 PM
183	I'm confused why you asked about the acceptability of portables and methods of transportation, but neglected to ask parents if it was acceptable for families to be split up, or to be forced to move schools in order to stay together. These issues could be much more important for a lot of families than the issues included in the survey.	11/29/2018 2:52 PM
184	Priority should always be placed on those who live in the area. No neighborhood child should ever be turned away over a child coming in from out of district.	11/29/2018 2:48 PM
185	NA	11/29/2018 2:33 PM
186	Is it possible to introduce a gradual deployment system so we don't trap families that are already in the middle of their child's school years.	11/29/2018 2:29 PM
187	Fundamentally SD61, and the Ministry of Education must address resource allocation in the k-12 system. This will mean taking on the BCTF, parents, and probably some ministers. But all of the problems that are trying to be addressed through jerrymandering the catchment boundaries are actually symptoms of the lack of leadership in addressing the resource allocation framework, or total lack thereof.	11/29/2018 2:28 PM
188	Question 14 is obviously catering to the wealthy. I would love to choose my home based on the catchment area and school I wanted to attend. You have to be rich for this to be possible in Victoria. Most of us just have to live where we can find a suitable place to live.	11/29/2018 2:22 PM
189	people should really be able to go to the schools in their catchment if they choose to. People and students should have the right to choose where they think the best learning conditions are for their students. International programs should not be in schools with any waitlists or full enrollment period.	11/29/2018 2:18 PM
190	Currently Willow School has insufficient parking for teachers & parents with the inclusion of 2 portables and having 103 children added for daycare will overwhelm the already limited parking.	11/29/2018 2:16 PM
191	I would imagine our school is on the lower side of enrollment and not in an area of great growth and I would support more students being brought into our school if that meant better equality across the system. I grew up in the United States where there was a great economic disparity between school districts and schools and I wouldn't want to see that in Canada.	11/29/2018 2:07 PM
192	The flexibility provided to allow non-catchment enrolment is a nice to have feature in our school system. High school have actually been encouraging this through active marketing of their school programs at information nights etc. My understanding is that in catchment always get first choice - out of catchment only get a place at a non-catchment school when there is space. Is revision really necessary?	11/29/2018 2:02 PM
193	Id like split families locations to be taken into account when it comes to school options.	11/29/2018 1:58 PM
194	We moved to be near our son's school as walking to school in those early years was important and size mattered. The School Board then closed down the school stating budget concerns; projected low enrolment district wide/decline in student populations...So we commuted with him for the rest of his elementary school years to a family school (5 kms away in traffic on bike) Whatever review you are doing - be consistent in your decisions AND think LONG TERM. Decisions you make impact thousands for many years....and when you change tactics often - it is very difficult/frustrating.	11/29/2018 1:50 PM
195	no	11/29/2018 1:50 PM
196	Please consider use of schools that have been previously closed but could be reopened to accommodate potential increases in enrolment	11/29/2018 1:46 PM
197	I really appreciate the chance to participate in a survey about this topic. However, it would be nice to have more concrete information about the details of the changes that are on the table.	11/29/2018 1:43 PM
198	Schools of choice should remain separate from catchment boundaries and accept students from the entire district with sibling priority.	11/29/2018 1:41 PM

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199	Please do not separate siblings. As a working parent, I would like to spend my extra time volunteering at one school and nourishing the relationship that my children are building. I am not interested in having my little time split up nor my children.	11/29/2018 1:40 PM
200	I live on Providence Place. Campus View is our closest school (1.3 km away). Why is Hillcrest our catchment English school which is 2.3 km away? Frank Hobbs is even closer at 2.1 km.	11/29/2018 1:40 PM
201	Not exactly about the boundaries, but I believe that opening Richmond or Uplands could alleviate some of the problems (I know this is a long term plan, and definitely not an overnight solution)	11/29/2018 1:29 PM
202	Keep schools small, portables allow flexibility	11/29/2018 1:24 PM
203	I hope that the considerations are spread wide throughout various perspectives. Also having choice programs etc usually comes with individual sacrifices. IE people can choose to go to independent schools not in their neighbourhood, or challenge programs not in their neighbourhood, etc, and therefore may have to travel further to make that choice. There should be those schools who are focused on the standard (not sacrificing quality) education, and those schools who focus more specifically on programs of choice. Assuming enrollment in each of the streams would dictate what is important in each community. But should be evaluated based on those catchment families who are subscribing to what stream....	11/29/2018 1:15 PM
204	My kids grew up in the James Bay/Fairfield area. I have operated a business in this area for 12 years. I can no longer afford to live in this area but would still like for my kids to attend school where they grew up. Affordable housing is forcing people like me to move to other catchment areas. I'd like to see more flexibility with school choice based on best fit for student if possible. Thank you.	11/29/2018 12:55 PM
205	Take into consideration kids who have a lot of challenges and issues in their lives due to family circumstances and to look at these kids as individuals. It is so important for them to go to a school with their friends when they move to Middle School	11/29/2018 12:49 PM
206	I think families should be able to chose for their kids to go to school at or near to parent's places of work, even if the children don't live in catchment; I think more consideration should be to the children's full needs - not just academic/sports	11/29/2018 12:40 PM
207	A transition period should be considered giving families (that already have kids enrolled in the catchment schools) options to choose to stay in the current catchment or the new one if their catchments get changed with the new boundary.	11/29/2018 12:37 PM
208	no	11/29/2018 12:36 PM
209	My grade four child is in a portable now. He doesn't love it, but he doesn't mind it. I spent many years in a portable myself. I would way rather my children spend a few years in a portable than force other catchment children and their families to drive out of the neighbourhood. I don't think kids mind portables, only parents do and usually for aesthetic reasons. A child being able to walk to school gives them autonomy and independence, which is much more important than anything else.	11/29/2018 12:35 PM
210	I appreciate you taking the time to review these issues. Thank you for putting out the survey and allowing us to share our input.	11/29/2018 12:34 PM
211	View Royal Elementary should not be part of Esquimalt - if anything it should be part of Marigold or the West Shore.	11/29/2018 12:33 PM
212	No	11/29/2018 12:13 PM
213	I have questions as to how a catchment boundary change would affect where a younger sibling would go school? My youngest is not yet in the school system. I would hate to see that my oldest could stay at the current catchment school, then our boundaries change and my youngest would have to enroll in a different school. Two drop off locations would be difficult to accommodate. And moving my oldest to a new school would mean uprooting him from his friends and everything he is currently familiar with.	11/29/2018 12:10 PM
214	No	11/29/2018 12:01 PM
215	I feel that overcrowding could be an issue at some schools	11/29/2018 11:56 AM
216	The shifting of catchment boundaries can be very disruptive to children and families and while changes in demographics/populations requires the schools to adapt, the use of portables seems to effectively address changes in demand. (we have heard very positive feedback concerning the use of portables)	11/29/2018 11:55 AM

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217	anxiety about this is debilitating for all	11/29/2018 11:51 AM
218	no	11/29/2018 11:49 AM
219	Programs of choice should not bump kids from attending school in their own catchment area. By prioritizing kids in these programs you are giving them preference which is unfair to those kids that can't get into their catchment school as a result. Quality foundational education is more important than trying to compete with the private schools by having specialized programs. Also, if you are to have the Programs of Choice, they could be more widely available at all schools to make them more accessible to everyone regardless of where they live or if they are lucky enough to get in.	11/29/2018 11:49 AM
220	please prioritize neighbourhood schools over programs of choice, and do what you can to not divide families between different schools when they have more than 1 child.	11/29/2018 11:32 AM
221	Catchment boundaries are imposed for a reason -- to even out the number of students that attend a particular school across the school district. If catchment boundaries are not imposed, then some schools will be at over-capacity, while some schools will be under-capacity. I understand the frustrations of parents who want to send their children to certain schools due to French immersion programs or Challenge programs, but have difficulty doing so because of being out of catchment. However, the parents who live in-catchment have put in a lot of time, money and resources to living in that catchment so that they could send their children to a particular school or stream of schools.	11/29/2018 11:17 AM
222	Please have a look at current demographics and future projections to help guide the process!	11/29/2018 11:06 AM
223	I would hope that applications will still be accepted for transfer to out of catchment schools. We currently live between 2 wonderful middle schools and when the time comes we'd like to factor in our travel, our student connections as well as the programs of choice when selecting.	11/29/2018 11:06 AM
224	Please consider road safety and walkability of a neighborhood	11/29/2018 11:05 AM
225	The review needs to be forward thinking and taking in to account the current populations in the school catchment areas and the proportion of those households with school age kids. It also needs to take into account the surrounding construction of new homes and the likelihood that construction will continue until the land is used up making the projected number of students in developing areas likely to increase exponentially over the next 10 years.	11/29/2018 11:03 AM
226	Open Richmond School- all the neighbouring schools are packed! Reduce size of schools like George Jay and Quadra that are overloaded. Do we need a new school where Blanchard school was?	11/29/2018 10:46 AM
227	Does it affect children already in an out of catchment school.	11/29/2018 10:45 AM
228	Parents whose kids are in programs of choice are often highly organized and motivated to contact trustees and attend meetings. Do not be unduly influenced by organized lobbying.	11/29/2018 10:34 AM
229	No	11/29/2018 10:33 AM
230	n/a	11/29/2018 10:22 AM
231	Make all catchment boundaries respect only minimization of distance to the school.	11/29/2018 10:19 AM
232	The school district should have not sold our other schools in the past	11/29/2018 10:18 AM
233	Revise the catchment boundary	11/29/2018 10:16 AM
234	no	11/29/2018 10:11 AM
235	No	11/29/2018 10:11 AM
236	If your catchment school is a program of choosing your child should be able to refuse if it's not their program of choosing and select the closest next school.	11/29/2018 10:10 AM
237	I would like there to be flexibility based on need/location of a home address in relation to the school.	11/29/2018 10:07 AM
238	Equidistance for K-5 versus arbitrary borders along arteries - stop splitting up neighbourhoods.	11/29/2018 10:02 AM
239	Need to reduce car travel associated with school and daycare choices	11/29/2018 9:57 AM
240	Would like the flexibility to choose schools with well regarded programmes that match the interests of the student (e.g., music, french immersion, sports).	11/29/2018 9:52 AM

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241	Ideally more schools should be (re)opened to relieve the current pressures on existing facilities. It seems like constantly shifting boundaries doesn't reflect demographic realities, which is that there is a large cohort of young children entering the public school system.	11/29/2018 9:43 AM
242	children already in existing school should be able to complete their schooling where they started. new boundaries should apply to new students	11/29/2018 9:42 AM
243	no, thank you	11/29/2018 9:37 AM
244	I don't believe asking elementary school children to switch schools is a good idea. I would hope the new catchments would be grandfathered in so it only impacts new kids coming into the schools and not currently enrolled students	11/29/2018 9:37 AM
245	no	11/29/2018 9:37 AM
246	Why not just I force catchments rather than redrawing all the boundaries. If you want to be in a certain school then move. Or re-open schools that were closed and adjust the appropriate boundaries in those areas.	11/29/2018 9:36 AM
247	No thank you.	11/29/2018 9:30 AM
248	Spreading out socio economic and high needs factors and creating more diverse schools.	11/29/2018 9:29 AM
249	You should have a choice of your neighbourhood schools, we have two secondary and we would like to be able to choose either Lambrick or Mount Doug. High taxes in our Saanich should reflect that.	11/29/2018 9:19 AM
250	Please see above.	11/29/2018 9:16 AM
251	-a few new schools / locations would be great!	11/29/2018 9:04 AM
252	Siblings and peer relationships should be of the highest importance. Proximity to school is of value but considering how far some kids have to travel even to get to their catchment school, it should not be the highest value.	11/29/2018 9:01 AM
253	catchment area should be first priority, second should be trying to fit the school that will allow the child to be most successful and third should be the option for the program of choice options	11/29/2018 8:57 AM
254	I believe that the catchment boundary benefits some students/parents but, not all.	11/29/2018 8:57 AM
255	I hope that Holloway street in it's entirety will fall under Doncaster school so that our children can walk to school with their neighbourhood friends.	11/29/2018 8:47 AM
256	It's ridiculous how long it took you to start this process and it's going to take way to long to complete. We should have had new boundaries for this school year or, at the latest, next school year.	11/29/2018 8:40 AM
257	Question 17 about portables is a false choice. This question forces respondents who want access to programs to accept unacceptable temporary structures (aka "portables") as a long-term solution, rather than insisting that functional and permanent classrooms be constructed for our schools. STOP inserting these terrible temporary structures as a solution to our under-funded school system.	11/29/2018 8:40 AM
258	No	11/29/2018 8:29 AM
259	The further from a school the more flexibility on catchment would be helpful. For instance we are in close proximity to an elementary, but are almost equal distance from 3 high schools. Being able to pick which one works best for programs and commuting routes would be nice	11/29/2018 8:28 AM
260	I am an admin at Quadra School. So I'm really hoping this will relieve some of the crowding we have in our cachement!	11/29/2018 8:27 AM
261	As my son attends the soccer academy and it has been life changing for us, I believe these should be run and kept as are. Everyone should be able to apply and then have access if accepted regardless of catchment. Specialty programs aside- after this - students that live close to schools should have first access to their neighbourhood schools.	11/29/2018 8:11 AM
262	No	11/29/2018 8:06 AM

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263	We live by Oak Bay High School. We took our daughter to Arbutus Middle School French Immersion from a private school in grade 5 so she could drive home with her UVic professor Dad. We knew nothing about pathway vs catchment. When it came time for oak Bay high school, she was "pathway" Reynolds! We took her out of french immersion to ensure she would be able to walk to oak Bay in our back yard!!!! " Catchment" vs. "pathway". Very strange!!! She's happy in English but it was kind of sad to have to make such a decision.	11/29/2018 7:56 AM
264	Living in view royal has accessible driving, biking, walking routes to Colquitz and is why we chose to live here. The catchment areas changed prior to my children going to school. When choosing an area to live the school catchments were apart of our decision process. My wife attended colquitz and spectrum and we wanted our boys to go to these schools. They have established friendships at eagle view school and they are excited to continue going to school with their friends. They currently bike to school with friends. Which is safe for all of them. My hopes are this will continue.	11/29/2018 7:46 AM
265	I think it is HIGHLY important that the catchment be in place but not be 100% mandatory. For whatever reason, if Parents feel strongly about their children attending or not attending a certain school, they should be able to have a reasonable chance to transfer.	11/29/2018 7:34 AM
266	None	11/29/2018 7:19 AM
267	No	11/29/2018 7:14 AM
268	On principle, I believe that Programs of choice should not take up catchment places for general population. Gen pop should be the priority. Thank you for canvassing opinions.	11/29/2018 7:03 AM
269	To date, so many students have been accepted at schools out of their catchment areas that schools no longer have a community or neighbourhood feel to them. To visit school friends means driving all over town; some school friends live a 45 minute drive away. Even being within a catchment area doesn't necessarily mean you can attend your designated school because of past intake from outside boundaries (siblings, etc). But as catchment boundaries become firmer (from intake review), thought has to be given to preventing overcrowding at certain schools and at the same time keeping the schools community based.	11/29/2018 6:58 AM
270	Foul bay rd should be in oak bay catchment. Richmond rd should be the boundary for the catchment as it makes more sense geographically	11/29/2018 6:51 AM
271	I am very grateful that the kids can attend their schools of choice even though they are not in the catchment boundary. The location of those schools being on the way to my office is such a blessing. I hope that they will never be turned away from the schools they have been attending (and that my son will attend when he advances to high school).	11/29/2018 6:51 AM
272	No	11/29/2018 5:22 AM
273	Balanced and fair access to program to all kids and areas is important, however I worry struggling families risk increased challenges to getting children to school. Special program kids are often the privileged kids with more resources to travel	11/29/2018 3:07 AM
274	I would like to respond to question 22. If a reevaluation of the placement of programs of choice meant that more schools could offer programs of choice (giving more children access to them), I would support that.	11/29/2018 12:26 AM
275	School board and funding body must weigh community, family and safety outcomes against those that favour international students, and specialized programs that could be supported in other ways.	11/28/2018 11:58 PM
276	Please consider reopening closed facilities.	11/28/2018 11:52 PM
277	Look at reducing portables	11/28/2018 11:51 PM
278	Would like to vote on a draft or options before decision is finalized. Maybe have options for those at edges of boundaries to choose between catchment areas they border.	11/28/2018 11:22 PM
279	I just feel that no one has simple looked at the address's of kids on each school and surveyed who's out of catchment and which ones. I feel a pattern would show up of schools family's avoid.	11/28/2018 11:20 PM
280	Sometimes kids end up living much closer to a school outside of their catchment. Perhaps there could be an opportunity to challenge the catchment boundaries based on location of one's home.	11/28/2018 11:09 PM
281	None	11/28/2018 10:55 PM
282	None	11/28/2018 10:40 PM

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283	Choice, other factors than where you live (like where you work/can find afterschool care) important. Bike routes key.	11/28/2018 10:25 PM
284	I am glad that you are doing a survey, but it should have happened before implementing the new catchment rules this fall. A lot of families were put through a lot of stress because of poor planning by the school district and a lack of respect for the needs of families and students. I hope more thought goes into the future catchment boundaries and that there is some flexibility for families to still choose a school that works best for them if they have needs.	11/28/2018 10:17 PM
285	It is uneconomical for every school to have auto shops, wood shops etc so in high schools I think it makes sense for schools to develop areas of excellence. Moving out of catchment in the upper grades should be easier.	11/28/2018 10:14 PM
286	Children should be able to walk to school not be driven or use public bus.	11/28/2018 10:04 PM
287	space for after school care programs- such as the cridge, burnside gorge and blanshard school. it's all full.	11/28/2018 9:51 PM
288	This review is way too late in coming. It should have happened before the restricting of out of catchment students. The enforcement of that rule and the lack of consideration in grandfathering transitioning students prior to this review was unbelievably short sighted and took a heavy emotional toll on our family, in particular our eldest child. Addressing catchment boundaries without addressing the needs of transitioning students will create an incomplete policy/program that ignores the nuanced nature of student/family needs.	11/28/2018 9:46 PM
289	No	11/28/2018 9:43 PM
290	Our case, my daughter has to take a bus to her high school (catchment) even though there is another school close to home where she can walk. Extra money and time will be wasted over 4 years.	11/28/2018 9:40 PM
291	- I think that there is value in considering elementary schools quite differently from high schools. - Phased changes may be useful to prevent disruptions.	11/28/2018 9:35 PM
292	Reopen closed schools to reduce or eliminate need for portables. Makes no sense that there are schools with multiple portables when there are 3 or so unoccupied schools	11/28/2018 9:31 PM
293	Only because the "schools of choice" language was introduced to the topic... I'd advocate for every school to strive to be a school of choice. The proliferation of "challenge", "flex", and sport specific academies (do they actually work for sport? I work for a PSO/NSO and their national team programs) is concerning. The hope/desire is that every school and school based community strives to excel in all aspects of the public education system experience. I believe that should be the tax payers expectation as I don't want to consider sending my child across town to a school of choice to meet her academic, athletic, artistic... or ??? interests. I hope that makes sense and thanks for the opportunity to provide input.	11/28/2018 9:29 PM
294	None of this moment.	11/28/2018 9:26 PM
295	regardless of catchment changes, keep families together	11/28/2018 9:20 PM
296	If schools are expected to continue expanding, build permanent additions that are not portables, or open up previously closed schools.	11/28/2018 9:17 PM
297	No	11/28/2018 9:06 PM
298	If all schools were treated equally with funding and educational support, the catchment boundaries would not be an issue. I would be happy to stay in my catchment if I felt that my children's education would not suffer.	11/28/2018 9:06 PM
299	I feel the questions were leading to the answers already sought.	11/28/2018 9:05 PM
300	I hope you don't change the catchment boundary.	11/28/2018 9:04 PM
301	I had the opportunity to attend a high school outside of my catchment area in my high school education, here in Victoria. It was essential to my ability to thrive. I hope that our children will continue to have these opportunities, because, as unique and varied individuals, they too require learning communities where they feel a sense of belonging.	11/28/2018 9:01 PM
302	None.	11/28/2018 8:59 PM
303	No	11/28/2018 8:58 PM



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304	I think if it the catchment shifts; siblings the would start should be able to continue together at the same school.	11/28/2018 8:58 PM
305	No	11/28/2018 8:56 PM
306	Flexibility and capacity building would be really good to be part of consideration for this review.	11/28/2018 8:54 PM
307	I think most parents don't care about catchment boundaries. We care about school's review. Education matters the most. Each and every school should have same rating. Willows has highest and George has lowest, simply not acceptable.	11/28/2018 8:54 PM
308	I really think the principle of going to school near where you live (walking, biking distance) is very important.	11/28/2018 8:51 PM
309	I feel that French immersion is creating a two-tier education system and that this has become a large problem in our district. I would support an overhaul or review of this and other programs of choice with the goal of ensuring that all children in the public education system are receiving a similar educational experience.	11/28/2018 8:46 PM
310	Oak Bay High's catchment should include more homes to the northwest, they are closer than Vic High.	11/28/2018 8:45 PM
311	I would love to see Sundance Elementary School reopened for use of kids in the area. It is a 5 min walk from my home but our kids cannot attend it. Our catchment is a 25 min (adult speed) walk to Oaklands.	11/28/2018 8:44 PM
312	Some of these questions are worded in a leading and unclear manner. They look like a predetermined solution searching for substantiating evidence. More context and options being considered would be appreciated.	11/28/2018 8:43 PM
313	We bought our house in this neighbourhood so our children could attend french immersion and walk/ride to the schools. It is very important to us that our children attend their designated french immersion school.	11/28/2018 8:40 PM
314	Reopen Richmond	11/28/2018 8:35 PM
315	I think parents make themselves insane trying to get their kids the best advantage with the school or program they choose, and then kids don't walk to school with their schoolmates or build a neighbourhood feeling by going to the neighbourhood school. Can we stop all the craziness and just go back to catchment schools and take away all the choices?	11/28/2018 8:31 PM
316	I hope that current students in choice programs are allowed to stay in these despite any changes. A grandfather clause. I also found it very difficult to get my child into a French immersion program in grade 2 when we moved from out of district. Maybe smaller choice programs at more schools would help. Also please do not limit accessibility to choice programs by catchment or again only the rich will be able to afford a decent education.	11/28/2018 8:31 PM
317	Open the schools that have been closed. Particularly Richmond	11/28/2018 8:30 PM
318	kids should be able to ideally walk or bike safely to their school. once they are teens (high school), access to their program of choice is key as it affects the rest of their lives - they need to be in the best possible place to reach their potential in their field of interest	11/28/2018 8:26 PM
319	I would like to see all schools equally full (eliminate over-crowding!), and the use of portables ("learning studios") restricted.	11/28/2018 8:22 PM
320	Portables are fine, and a good interim solution if this population boom ends up being temporary (due to recent massive inflation of housing/rent prices pressuring many families out of main city area).	11/28/2018 8:22 PM
321	Don't take us away from Oaklands :(	11/28/2018 8:18 PM
322	We chose South Park specifically for the family group of schools it was a part of. Now as our daughters are about to begin their program of choice (late french) it sounds like it might no longer be possible as the feeder school the had belonged to will no longer be relevant. Not only will they lose access to the friendship that have developed and are so important at this age but our vision for the beginning of for their entire academic career may no longer be possible.	11/28/2018 8:18 PM
323	It is imperative that students remain able to attend the school that is within closest proximity to maintain community and independence. It would appear that there is a prioritization of portables based on the survey but a review of closed schools would be preferred. The increased enrolment and decreased class sizes would call for it in my opinion.	11/28/2018 8:16 PM

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324	Thanks for offering this survey opportunity! Good luck!	11/28/2018 8:12 PM
325	I understand the need for looking at this, I hope it does not create a problem for my son in the future if the boundary were to change.	11/28/2018 8:12 PM
326	I cannot emphasize enough how important the school community is to the community as a whole. All students should be guaranteed access to the school closest to their house even if this means the use of portables until a more permanent solution can be found. It would be devastating to our family who has already undergone a significant transition to our be enrolled at our current school to have to then re-establish connections with a new school community. Potentially further away from our house.	11/28/2018 7:59 PM
327	No other concerns	11/28/2018 7:53 PM
328	Plan better. Build schools LARGER than anticipated capacity. Needing portables on opening day at a new school is ludicrous.	11/28/2018 7:53 PM
329	Wondering if opening Richmond elementary school would help in the Victoria/Oak Bay Area. I understand if cost is a factor though.	11/28/2018 7:48 PM
330	Would love to see a catchment boundary north of Highway 1 (e.g., around McKenzie) that pushes Marigold into middle and high schools north of the Highway (for French Immersion), rather than feeding into Shoreline and Esquimalt.	11/28/2018 7:47 PM
331	No	11/28/2018 7:40 PM
332	I'm happy where they are now	11/28/2018 7:38 PM
333	Just this. I live near Willows School, and there are so many out of catchment students that the neighbourhood is overrun with vehicle traffic. It is absurd.	11/28/2018 7:33 PM
334	Nope	11/28/2018 7:31 PM
335	Glad this is being done now because the catchments make no sense at all to me right now. Kids so close to the schools are being sent to schools so far away that it's stressful for families to figure out how to get them there and public bus passes are really expensive	11/28/2018 7:31 PM
336	more strict requirements for proving residence in catchment area while ATTENDING school not just when registering ir. less loopholes..ways to cheat the system	11/28/2018 7:30 PM
337	Parents with children in Marigold use Esson Rd as a parking lot to drop off their kids. It would be nice if my children could walk a hundred yards to their school rather than a mile or more down Admirals to Craigflower.	11/28/2018 7:25 PM
338	Our main concerns are being able to attend programs within schools which are not or catchment and do not necessarily fit neatly into the programs of choice category.	11/28/2018 7:20 PM
339	Not at this time	11/28/2018 7:12 PM
340	See 24	11/28/2018 7:11 PM
341	I believe it is nice to bring neighbourhoods together we a more closed boundary, but for families that work and have to get kids at different school the flexibility of choice is more necessary in today's society.	11/28/2018 7:06 PM
342	Thank you for asking for our input!	11/28/2018 7:06 PM
343	I wish to ensure that my son can go to the school I have chosen for him to attend in his Secondary years, rather than based on the place we can afford to live. With the market being what it is today, we parents cannot simply move to be near a 'better' school.	11/28/2018 7:02 PM
344	None	11/28/2018 6:58 PM
345	It is unclear if you are moving existing students out of their current schools into new schools. I would oppose that idea.	11/28/2018 6:57 PM
346	I appreciate the time you've taken in making this survey. It's a great way to give our input:)	11/28/2018 6:55 PM
347	i lived in laval,but the high school is catchment to lambrick school ,not catch mount douglas high school,is very unconvinced for us.because we just oppisit to mount douglas school.	11/28/2018 6:55 PM
348	It is scary to think about changes because our family is settled at and invested in our current elementary school.	11/28/2018 6:53 PM
349	No	11/28/2018 6:43 PM

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350	My daughter will have to take a bus into an area she is not comfortable and attend a school we don't like because it is supposedly our catchment, whereas the school she wants to attend is in walking distance in our neighbourhood. Not acceptable.	11/28/2018 6:40 PM
351	Nope :)	11/28/2018 6:37 PM
352	Keep Lambrick Park Secondary school open, it's our school in our family of schools. Why have a family of schools if you won't enforce kids to attend Lambrick when the attendance is low because parents will pick other high schools.	11/28/2018 6:37 PM
353	For my neighbourhood I don't think it's a "catchment boundary" problem rather a problem that too many schools are not being used for their intended purpose. Richmond and Uplands Campus could be opened to reduce the capacity of Willows	11/28/2018 6:37 PM
354	I think it is important to give parents choice in public schools, particularly at the secondary level, and hope the review enhances fair access to schools for all students. Residence in a catchment should be a consideration, but not the only one. Why do academies need to be based at a particular school? Why not transport academy students to a location from their catchment school?	11/28/2018 6:35 PM
355	Please let there be some access to schools that have strength in particular areas for kids outside of catchment. So if a child is really interested in jazz band, they may want to go to Esquimalt or Vic High, another child may want to pursue running and might want to go to Oak Bay...	11/28/2018 6:30 PM
356	Current catchment schools (Lansdowne and Reynolds) offer the programs of choice for both children.	11/28/2018 6:28 PM
357	Secondary schools offere different options now. High school catchment shouldn't be too strict to give students more choice.	11/28/2018 6:27 PM
358	Thank you for the work you do serving students and supporting families.	11/28/2018 6:25 PM
359	as noted above, i was able to relocate my home when my son started high school so that he could attend CSE program and walk to school; it has worked out very well for us, as renters (finally, an advantage to being lower income and not owning a home!!)	11/28/2018 6:24 PM
360	It is not clear to me at all if my kids are considered in the Esquimalt High catchment by virtue of living in Esquimalt half the time and also in Vic High catchment due to living in Victoria half the time.	11/28/2018 6:22 PM
361	Keep to the boundaries markings, as it should prevent excess traffic issues to nearby neighborhoods, and allow walking, biking which is more environmentally viable	11/28/2018 6:22 PM
362	Please open more schools!	11/28/2018 6:21 PM
363	My opinion is that it is important that families attend their catchment schools, in order for neighbourhood communities to come together and to foster equity and diversity (e.g. prevent higher socio-economic-status families from choosing to leave their particular catchment to attend a school that is perceived to be 'better'). However, I also feel it is important that if French Immersion and other specialty schools are offered in Victoria, that there should be options for this available to all families (and this may not all be available within each catchment??). It doesn't seem fair that some families might have access to sports academies etc when others do not. I have no idea if my children will be interested in academies in the future, but if they are then I don't think a boundary line should decide whether they can attend. If new boundaries make it more difficult for families to get their children to school, then this will just add more stress to already stressed families. For example, if a family resides equidistant from 2 schools but it makes way more logistical sense for them to attend the school that happens to be out of their catchment (due to bus route, en route to work rather than in opposite direction etc), should attending the out-of-catchment school be acceptable?	11/28/2018 6:21 PM
364	Catchment is making parents and students trapped in schools and programs that arent benefiting them. Freedom of choice should be a option.	11/28/2018 6:16 PM
365	Please take into account that not everyone has cars and can drive their kids to school (nor should they). Please consider the disproportionate impact on lower income people when making your decisions.	11/28/2018 6:15 PM
366	Safety, safety safety. Ensure the children arrive alive before you worry about the specialized programs.	11/28/2018 6:08 PM
367	Perhaps include music, art, vocational programs.	11/28/2018 6:04 PM
368	No	11/28/2018 6:02 PM

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369	Please do not make our children suffer losses in there communities due to bad choices on your part.	11/28/2018 5:53 PM
370	There are specific attributes of existing secondary schools that seem left out in this survey, attributes such as trades training facilities and career specific facilities. Retention of flexibility of choice based on less specific yet valuable career focused studies and programs, existing and future, needs to be maintained. Only a small, select group of students require an "athletic" academy or Challenge program yet there is quite the focus.	11/28/2018 5:52 PM
371	Reduce the threshold for school bus use. I think it's currently 4.7 km? Nearly 10km round trip is unrealistic for a small child to walk to school. Public transit options are poor and I'd argue unsafe for young children in the downtown core.	11/28/2018 5:43 PM
372	No	11/28/2018 5:37 PM
373	I'm ignorant as to the minutiae of this issue. I'm also not wanting to rock the boat so as to impact my children but my gut feeling says that is extremely unlikely. Above all though, I have faith in the leadership for our public school system. My wife and I turned out alright so I'm sure our kids will in your hands as well ;).	11/28/2018 5:37 PM
374	I understand that there are lots of challenges with the high enrollment of students and wish that Blanchard Elementary wasn't closed all those years ago as it would have been a good option now.	11/28/2018 5:32 PM
375	My hope is that common sense prevails over perpetuating special interests. That is, kids should never be turned away from attending their catchment school due to shortage of space. If parents/kids want to attend outside their catchment school, they should be only allowed in very, very limited circumstances (i.e. school of choice). And that bar should be set much higher than it has been in the past. That is because it is perceived higher quality of teaching and higher parent engagement that is the major motivation of people pursuing schools outside their catchment -- including French immersion -- above all other factors. If a school has a low engagement and teaching reputation, that school should be prioritized with additional resources to bring it up to surrounding standards quickly, rather than allowing people to abandon it for external options. And instead of building more portables at Oaklands, rebuild and re-open Richmond elementary!	11/28/2018 5:32 PM
376	I think it is important for people to have choice where their children can attend school regardless of where they live in Victoria.	11/28/2018 5:14 PM
377	Stop treating schools in rich neighbourhoods as more important. Every kid should have an equal experience when they step onto the school ground regardless of their socio economic status.	11/28/2018 5:10 PM
378	We are in a strange little "bite" out of the Oak Bay catchment and there are houses all around us in the Oak Bay school district. This means that most of the neighbouring kids are at Oak Bay. I think it makes sense to group kids in a neighbourhood into the same school (not take a couple streets and send them elsewhere), and also to try to keep the boundaries so that kids go to the closest school where feasible.	11/28/2018 5:06 PM
379	No	11/28/2018 5:04 PM
380	Make them smaller, build more schools or re-open the closed schools	11/28/2018 4:57 PM
381	Being able to walk and bike to school is important for establishing healthy living habits and getting to know other children in your neighbourhood, as well as reducing our carbon footprint.	11/28/2018 4:53 PM
382	no	11/28/2018 4:47 PM
383	look at the catchment area for colquitz. Try and justify it. While my children attend spectrum now and it is the catchment school, they previously attended colquitz but were in the glanford catchment. We live four blocks from colquitz and 2 k from glanford	11/28/2018 4:42 PM
384	Rigid rules seem to prevent former pathway students from continuing in their chosen school. This means that there may be trauma in that they will not be able to attend the school with their former friends. In our granddaughter's case, she has been looking forward to continuing her schooling with her old friends from elementary and middle school. As well, she wants to continue with her music instrument studies (saxophone) and was looking forward to joining the band & concert classes.	11/28/2018 4:42 PM
385	No	11/28/2018 4:39 PM
386	Programs of choice should not be the driver. Catchment students should be given priority with any shift, be that location, the use of portables, etc limited to programs of choice where possible	11/28/2018 4:37 PM

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387	My understanding is that the increase of split classes is in part due to the increased number of students. Although this hasn't been raised as an issue there is a high level of dissatisfaction among the parents I have spoken to. I would like to see a decrease in these split classes as I see it as decreasing the opportunities for the children to create peer bonds.	11/28/2018 4:35 PM
388	This survey is not clear.	11/28/2018 4:34 PM
389	If space is limited it seems like it would be better to figure out how we are going to get the space we need to accommodate kids rather than re-drawing boundaries. Seems like we could get creative about using existing spaces or building new spaces that meet multiple community needs and don't sit empty of weeks or months at a time.	11/28/2018 4:31 PM
390	we are looking to move to a bigger house to provide my children, soon to become teenager (boy and girl) separate bedrooms, being able to live in a house and choose a school for the kids without the hassle of getting locked into a school following the catchment rules is very helpful	11/28/2018 4:25 PM
391	Please consider grandfathering in students to their current boundaries... I am not sure how that would look.	11/28/2018 4:24 PM
392	I hope part of this review includes the use of existing school building not currently used as public schools. For instance Richmond and Uplands sites.	11/28/2018 4:23 PM
393	No	11/28/2018 4:22 PM
394	No. I have never had a problem in the past with our 3 children as they all went to Marigold before it became a french immersion school, Colquitz and Spectrum. They were sometimes sharing portables at Marigold but not the other two schools. I realize that a lot of new programs now exist in different schools but not then so it wasn't a problem where they went to school. Marigold, Colquitz and Spectrum have always had very good courses and excellent teachers. A lot has changed since our children attended school.	11/28/2018 4:20 PM
395	If opening a new school, I would like to see a program of choice offered, in order to draw students from various catchment areas. Thus decreasing enrollment from a variety of schools.	11/28/2018 4:17 PM
396	maintain existing if possible	11/28/2018 4:16 PM
397	Boundaries are put up for a reason, but no child should be held back from a school with certain programs once they hit high school.	11/28/2018 4:15 PM
398	My daughter at Lansdowne shares a class with students that live across the street from alternate French immersion schools. That seems crazy.	11/28/2018 4:12 PM
399	Whatever happen, make the changes based on priority. Some children do not tolerate too many changes in their lives and need time to adjust in their environment, shifting boundary should be made with the understanding that children are people and they deserve to be consulted.	11/28/2018 4:09 PM
400	I watch all the students in my neighbourhood walk past my house to go to spectrum while we are supposed to walk twice the distance in the opposite direction to go to a public transit stop to pay to go to our catchment school. Please change this so students can walk to their catchment school	11/28/2018 4:09 PM
401	It's about time. And please pay attention to neighborhood access to school locations - proximity to schools.	11/28/2018 4:07 PM
402	None	11/28/2018 4:05 PM
403	No	11/28/2018 4:04 PM
404	Frustrated I have to request permission to go to a school that has the programs my children want to be enrolled in	11/28/2018 4:02 PM
405	More flexibility should be given to students about which school they attend. I live 1/2 a block from the catchment boundary. Oak Bay High is significantly closer to my home than Vic High, yet the current catchment is Vic High. This does not make sense. Oak Bay High is located near the western edge of the catchment. The catchment boundary for Oak Bay High should be moved westward a few blocks.	11/28/2018 4:02 PM

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406	For children who live farther than walking distance, in the catchment boundary, there should be school buses bringing them to school, and then bringing them home. Traffic is too heavy in Victoria, to be adding vehicles arriving and leaving each school. This is important. The Westshore, McKenzie, and surroundings is growing exponentially and there will be more people on the road driving children to and from school!!! BC transit is not organized very well to take children to school. Too expensive, There is no student card for student passengers. Each school should take responsibility, and have school buses.	11/28/2018 4:02 PM
407	Open up all the schools that are currently closed. This is what makes the most sense. Stop overcrowding our schools and robbing our children of a proper education.	11/28/2018 3:55 PM
408	Any child should be able to attend their closest school - currently catchment boundaries do not always make this possible.	11/28/2018 3:54 PM
409	opening schools instead of portables and keeping schools, especially elementary schools smaller!	11/28/2018 3:53 PM
410	I believe that school catchment expansion boundaries should all shift/stretch north-east.	11/28/2018 3:52 PM
411	Catchment should always be secondary to student needs. Under the current policy student needs are deemed irrelevant, and only the map matters.	11/28/2018 3:49 PM
412	None	11/28/2018 3:45 PM
413	We're currently very happy with the current boundaries, and as such are biased toward them not changing.	11/28/2018 3:44 PM
414	There should be enough French Immersion for everyone who wants it.	11/28/2018 3:44 PM
415	Not sure what problem the catchment boundary review is trying to resolve.	11/28/2018 3:42 PM
416	No	11/28/2018 3:41 PM
417	No	11/28/2018 3:38 PM
418	Some catchments are enormous (e.g. Doncaster for French immersion) meaning too many drivers and an unsafe school zone. I would also like to see more students attending their catchment schools so that kids can know people in their area. Also, I don't think this is part of the review but if siblings weren't allowed to attend the same school as their older sibling, it might discourage people from moving into neighborhoods temporarily just to get into a certain catchment and creating more vehicle traffic for everyone.	11/28/2018 3:38 PM
419	No review should take place if it means an expenditure of public money. That money should be directed to equalizing schools abilities to deliver assistance to children with disabilities.	11/28/2018 3:37 PM
420	No	11/28/2018 3:37 PM
421	portables are not ok. At least portables without washrooms, large enough cloak rooms, proper air circulation, proper drainage below - all unacceptable. The portables at Campus view are cess pools. 3 years of kids in portables - constant sickness and colds. As soon as my eldest moved to middle school - no health issues at all. Think of the missed school, the lost wages - all b/c they are slapped together, poor drainage.	11/28/2018 3:37 PM
422	Parents that have their children in out-of-catchment schools, do so on purpose. Those reasons are unlikely to change by a border shuffle. The balance for our family is affordable housing v/s program of choice & more desirable peer-group.	11/28/2018 3:36 PM
423	Vic High is underserved for Programs of Choice. There is not an academic, leadership, or sports strand. This means that student attending this school from their catchment area are underserved. Additionally there is little in the way of academic challenging programs such as the IB Diploma Programme.	11/28/2018 3:33 PM
424	I wonder about enrollment increases and how much addition of international students is affecting numbers. My children have stressed concerns with numbers in their classes; these kids keep to themselves, don't interact with the other class members and influence how many kids can take specific classes	11/28/2018 3:33 PM
425	I am uneducated re: what schools/boundaries are under review so I am answering this with limited information! Good luck!	11/28/2018 3:31 PM
426	Work on staffing and programs with the goal of all schools being of equal desirability	11/28/2018 3:29 PM
427	it would help to know what are the overpopulated schools, what are under filled etc	11/28/2018 3:28 PM

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428	You should reopen or open more schools instead of installing portables!	11/28/2018 3:27 PM
429	The ability to choice where you live based on the catchment boundary is a thing of the past. It is no longer an option.	11/28/2018 3:23 PM
430	When we purchased our home in Oak Bay we assumed this meant our children were in the Oak Bay Catchment. When it came time for them to enroll at Oak Bay it was stressful as we realized that we were in fact not guaranteed a space. It all worked out in the end but the boundaries were very confusing.	11/28/2018 3:23 PM
431	More than one round of feedback on proposed catchment changes may be required to identify specific locations of catchment choice conflict.	11/28/2018 3:22 PM
432	French immersion students should not be made second-class citizens, deprived of their rights to walk and cycle to school to learn one of Canada's national languages. Don't draw Catchment Areas based on natural and municipal boundaries... Draw Catchment Areas from students' abilities to walk and cycle to school. Parents should not have to choose between whether their kids can walk to school or if they want to be in French immersion. If even 1/3 of French immersion parents are forced to drive their kids to school, this will create a nightmare of traffic, parking and drop-off issues.	11/28/2018 3:20 PM
433	If you are changing catchments, you must be aware we register for Out of School care on April, prior to the school year. If you announce a change in catchment after this, it is extremely stressful to plan complete life changes based on buying property by a school with Out of School Care.	11/28/2018 3:14 PM
434	leave it as is .	11/28/2018 3:13 PM
435	Please consider re-opening our two would-be catchment schools - SUNDANCE and RICHMOND ELEMENTARY. I have not once heard the children at Beausoleil speaking French on their playground.	11/28/2018 3:11 PM
436	no	11/28/2018 3:10 PM
437	This review would probably not be necessary had fewer schools been closed just a few years ago. It was no secret that many peoole were moving here and that more babies were being born, and yet a bunch of schools were closed. Some really poor planning went on.	11/28/2018 3:10 PM
438	I think if you're concerned about boundaries, limit the numbers of children who can take the program. you'll have to do it on a first come first served basis and take into consideration those within the catchment-first, those who are grandfathered because of existing enrollment-second and then pick students with outstanding academic and social achievements.	11/28/2018 3:08 PM
439	no	11/28/2018 3:07 PM
440	You should re-open closed schools to ease the capacity issues. Richmond for sure, must be re-opened when you consider that Willows, Campus View and Oaklands are all full. No brainer right?	11/28/2018 3:05 PM
441	I firmly believe that people who live closest to the school should be given preference even if it is a school or program of choice	11/28/2018 3:04 PM
442	No	11/28/2018 3:03 PM
443	The quality of education is not the same in different locations hence the perpetual disbalance in requests for specific schools. Addressing this disbalance in education quality would make it simpler and more palatable for parents and students to accept a change.	11/28/2018 3:02 PM
444	If you changed the ability to attend Programs of Choice, because the schools in our catchment area hold no interest to us academically, athletically or otherwise, we would consider private schools.	11/28/2018 3:01 PM
445	No	11/28/2018 3:00 PM
446	Why not build larger additions and hire more teachers. Population growth will alway and forevermore be an issue and challenge that cannot be addressed by boundary changes, or program/service deletion. Get Joe Palmer (ED Capital at EDUC) to provide more capital! Invest properly, stop implementing bandaid, short-term solutions.	11/28/2018 2:58 PM
447	I understand that choices have to be made however I feel special circumstances should override	11/28/2018 2:54 PM
448	Please allow younger siblings to attend the same school as their older sibling if the catchment boundaries change. Our family is under a lot of stress and the stability of the current school for our first child (6), and being able to send out second child (2) to the same school, is very important.	11/28/2018 2:49 PM

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449	Just want siblings to stay together	11/28/2018 2:49 PM
450	I feel it is important for children to attend their own catchment pathway schools	11/28/2018 2:48 PM
451	No.	11/28/2018 2:48 PM
452	Other districts (SD63) need to offer better access to programs of choice (French Immersion). .	11/28/2018 2:44 PM
453	no	11/28/2018 2:43 PM
454	I just think the areas need to make sense	11/28/2018 2:40 PM
455	Ideally, changes would be made to the incoming kindergarten grade and not disrupt local attendance of pathway schools as happened in Oct 2017.	11/28/2018 2:40 PM
456	Maybe catchments should have soft lines. So if you live on or near a boundary you have the option to choose either school that fits your family needs best.	11/28/2018 2:37 PM
457	consider including catchments outside of school districts. That is, consider reducing the number of school districts to allow more choice. SDs are political and are not based on common sence or benefits to students. Thanks	11/28/2018 2:34 PM
458	Most important is ensuring kids in catchment get priority over outsiders at their local school. Kids should also be provided safe routes to and from school.	11/28/2018 2:34 PM
459	Opening up Uplands Elementary or Richmond school. Opening an all French Immersion school as there are still English only schools i.e Oaklands Elementary ( i.e Willows). Or open Richmond School and it would cut down on portables and keep it as French Immersion only	11/28/2018 2:33 PM
460	No	11/28/2018 2:31 PM
461	no	11/28/2018 2:31 PM
462	I would like to potential for some areas to overlap to allow parents the choice of different schools based on their child's needs.	11/28/2018 2:30 PM
463	No. Though we believe parents/guardians should be discouraged from driving children to/from schools.	11/28/2018 2:27 PM
464	no sure	11/28/2018 2:26 PM
465	Re-Open Richmond Elementary. There is enough of a population base to support it.	11/28/2018 2:26 PM
466	Please plan well, we put a lot of money into the school board for no more important reason than resource planning	11/28/2018 2:23 PM
467	I hope that my currently enrolled autistic child could remain at her school, and that her younger siblings could attend the same school.	11/28/2018 2:22 PM
468	I think regular school attendance should be determined by a home's proximity to the school. For those choosing a program of choice, there should be more flexibility in where these spaces are allocated (i.e. those parents can choose a program with the implication of a longer commute)	11/28/2018 2:20 PM
469	Our catchment school is geographically the 4th closest school to our home. 2 of these schools are in SD 62 and the SD 61 school that is closest to us isn't our catchment school because it is across the highway. Our catchment school is 3 km away and the other clpser SD 61 school is 1.4 km away.	11/28/2018 2:13 PM
470	It is important to also consider what times the schools start and end for elementary and middle school so that if boundaries do change it would be difficult to drive to a farther school each way.	11/28/2018 2:11 PM
471	I think it is unethical to force families into schools based on their location. This gives greater security to those who have the ability to purchase a home. Victoria is in the middle of a housing crisis and families who are renting homes may not be able to find a home in the catchment area of their choosing. There are generally so few acceptable options for families, that they just have to take what they can get. Once a family has entered a school, this should remain their "home school" until all of their children outgrow it. This is the only equitable option, and the option that best supports families, and children's wellbeing.	11/28/2018 2:11 PM
472	Yes push the implementation back a year for further study	11/28/2018 2:08 PM
473	Instead of reviewing catchment boundaries, has there been equal consideration to increasing the number of schools that offer Programs of Choice?	11/28/2018 2:07 PM



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474	Some schools, especially Victoria High, are not safe and will be heavily damaged in an earthquake. If pathways change, parents who previously had children in the Oak Bay High French pathway may have to send their kids to Vic High and don't feel comfortable sending their kids to an unsafe school.	11/28/2018 2:03 PM
475	Given where we live we are happy with the current catchments	11/28/2018 2:03 PM
476	I found the term "catchment school" in this survey confusing, I think because our English and French Immersion catchment schools are different. But I've always been told that our French Immersion school is still our catchment school! Anyway, not sure what can be done about it - I just hope I answered the questions the way I intended based on my interpretation of the term "catchment school".	11/28/2018 2:02 PM
477	dont cahnge it	11/28/2018 2:00 PM
478	Please think about the hardship forcing families to move will create. It's one thing to shift boundraries, but only do that for people not yet in the system. Don't force families to move schools!!!!!!!	11/28/2018 1:58 PM
479	Look at older siblings, number one when accepting children out of catchment, maybe people have to move out of catchment but still want to go to the same school, and have all children attend the same school.	11/28/2018 1:58 PM
480	Consider including a flexible cross boundary application process that allows for students to find schools to attend that offer the best programs for them.	11/28/2018 1:55 PM
481	Student choice matters. Student peer relationships matter. Where you draw the lines in terms of proximity are far less important than those two things.	11/28/2018 1:55 PM
482	I believe the parents or guardians of the children should have the right or at least the opportunity to choose which school their child/children attends. To accommodate certain activities or programs that are close to the choice they make	11/28/2018 1:47 PM
483	If it is not broken there's no need to fix it.	11/28/2018 1:45 PM
484	I would prefer that catchments be based on location of the parent's work rather than location of home.	11/28/2018 1:43 PM
485	I would suggest that any changes only effect new students and that siblings be exempted allowing children currently enrolled to stay at their current school or change if there catchment changes	11/28/2018 1:40 PM
486	Great engagement effort so far	11/28/2018 1:35 PM
487	I don't think this survey provided enough background information to the public. If people are not aware of the implications, then the survey really is not valid - similar to last time :(	11/28/2018 1:35 PM
488	Offer Programs of Choice at more schools; we declined an excellent program of choice, simply because it would mean a 1.5 to 2 hour commute a day (bus instead of cycling), rather than 15 minutes a day cycling; this is unacceptable for kids who need enough sleep, and time to eat in a grounded and focused way, and quiet time in a calm environment to complete their assignments. Bring the Programs of Choice to the local schools; there are enough kids within the catchment who would choose these programs; but end up in the regular programs at the local school anyway, because the trade off to commute to another district is just too great.... Please consider this seriously. Do we really want our kids to learn to run around foolishly like adults do? Best regards,	11/28/2018 1:34 PM
489	Since the number of English and french schools are different (and therefore geographic distribution) it is not logical to use the same catchment boundaries for each.	11/28/2018 1:33 PM
490	no	11/28/2018 1:33 PM
491	Richmond School is the obvious choice given the high enrolment at Oaklands, George Jay & Willows. I think it's high time the district reopened it to continuous use.	11/28/2018 1:30 PM
492	Yes - there must be a rather challenging relationship between the housing realities of Victoria and catchment areas. Are people really able - or willing - to move elsewhere in our city to accommodate school district planning? I think not .	11/28/2018 1:29 PM
493	no	11/28/2018 1:28 PM
494	Thank you	11/28/2018 1:27 PM

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495	I don't understand why this process needs to take so long. We are currently renting and actively looking to buy but feel like we can't do that now because we don't know where the future catchment areas are and don't want to split our kids up. Anything you could do to hurry this process up and print a new map would be appreciated.	11/28/2018 1:24 PM
496	ability to access programs is priority, regardless of catchment	11/28/2018 1:22 PM
497	Now that the school pathway protocol has changed so that out-of-catchment children have to re-apply to stay in their current catchment stream, I am strongly supporting a catchment border review. We are located in Oak Bay and our catchment school is 3km farther away from our home than our current elementary school. We need to be able to access schools that are located in our neighbourhoods. We need to be able to safely commute with our children to school and maintain friendships with with the families in our neighbourhood. Thank you!!	11/28/2018 1:22 PM
498	Consider ELE-Middle Schools. Consider municipal boundaries Reconsider Sports Academies.	11/28/2018 1:19 PM
499	be careful	11/28/2018 1:17 PM
500	It is unfortunately unspoken but factual that French immersion is being used by parents to get their kids in a school of their choice while saving money on real estate, or avoiding the school in their catchment.	11/28/2018 1:16 PM
501	I think students that are from Victoria should have a higher priority to choice of school than students from other countries. They should be fillers to school that have low enrollment	11/28/2018 1:15 PM
502	I think it is important to keep schools of choice in the district such as South Park. This school has a philosophy and approach in the district that is unique and valuable to our students. Turning the school into a catchment school would undermine and likely destroy the culture and philosophy of the school as it is a family school and relies heavily on the involvement of its parents to enhance their children's learning. I can completely appreciate the enrolment difficulties. But there are also true benefits to children having the South Park experience and it should be maintained as much as humanly possible.	11/28/2018 1:07 PM
503	Would love South Jubilee area to be in Margaret Jenkins catchment instead of Oaklands. My daughter starts kindergarden in Sept '19.	11/28/2018 1:05 PM
504	I think the current boundaries need to be observed as many people have moved to be in a particular area.	11/28/2018 1:00 PM
505	I don't feel that the boundaries need to be addressed, but the question of why has enrollment increased at some schools and not others? quality?	11/28/2018 12:56 PM
506	If schools already have tight enrolment, and enrolment is expected to go up significantly, maybe funds should be used to build schools. Why isn't this a top priority?	11/28/2018 12:52 PM
507	n/a	11/28/2018 12:44 PM
508	Negative Impact of french immersion on English streams class mix could be addressed by offering more English only stream schools	11/28/2018 12:44 PM
509	Victoria has a small tax base and changing the catchment areas is a problem that needs to be addressed in this study. Where will the study be shared after it has been completed?	11/28/2018 12:43 PM
510	Best of luck with the review!	11/28/2018 12:42 PM
511	Grandfather in the the current families.	11/28/2018 12:40 PM
512	na	11/28/2018 12:39 PM
513	please! think down the road a few years! Would this crisis of enrollment have happened if in the last 10-15 years other schools in SD61 weren't closed down?	11/28/2018 12:35 PM
514	Adjusting the catchments will eliminate an issue we experienced. We live between Vancouver, Quadra and Fort, Fairfield which is James Bay's catchment, yet SJD is physically a closer walk. Our Son has a friend who lives in the next building and is attending James Bay because his Mother was late in registering her Son for school and was not approved for a transfer. If the catchment in our area was re-drawn to shift the western border of SJD's catchment 1 block to Quadra it would have corrected this matter and not caused a child and his mother to take public transit to/from school given the 30 minute walking distance to James Bay from our front door. Whereas, SJD is a 15 minute walk.	11/28/2018 12:34 PM
515	Do not place too much weight on surveys and parent meetings. They do not always reflect the majority view. Use common sense and learn from issues in other cities.	11/28/2018 12:32 PM

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516	i know ot is complecated, but if we can set policy of flexibility, allows a student to have a second choice.	11/28/2018 12:29 PM
517	Current catchment boundary works well and I would not like to see a change.	11/28/2018 12:29 PM
518	There needs to be some flexibility and it needs to be fair.	11/28/2018 12:28 PM
519	#1 Priority for us is that students attend schools in their catchment areas. Redraw the boundaries if you must. You move to an area for a good school !	11/28/2018 12:27 PM
520	In my conversations with other parents, the biggest issue is not being able to attend school in your catchment due to lack of room. When we decided to switch our son out of French into English, I was told that he may have to attend school outside catchment because it school might already be full (was around April before following Sept start for the switch). As you can guess, I was livid. In the end, he was able to remain in the school but just the idea that he couldn't be accommodated with that much notice was outrageous, especially when I would watch parents of children from outside the catchment drop their kids off each morning. And we all know foreign students provide much needed cash but they should be last on the list, and NOT with a registration deadline of say, March (before Sept start) for those who may move into catchment late or switch out of French, for instance.	11/28/2018 12:25 PM
521	Boundaries are ok. Your changes for attendance in catchment should be implemented with new enrolments to ensure fairness and have a less affect on current students. This whole thing is less threatening to your customers if it is done through some form of attrition.	11/28/2018 12:16 PM
522	Keep same	11/28/2018 12:10 PM
523	I don't agree that children should attend schools across town. Cities are trying to build cycling and walking Infrastrucutre to promote location communities	11/28/2018 12:07 PM
524	I think its a good idea!	11/28/2018 12:06 PM
525	Not in favour of major boundary changes.	11/28/2018 12:05 PM
526	Just that it's a great idea. We are recent arrivals to Victoria, and since our arrival have been upset at the fact that our small school has students from all over greater Victoria. We have been annoyed by the traffic and definitely noticed a lack of community in the school. We were devastated when our son did not get into French Immersion. There even seem to be cliques among students based on where they live. It's time for Victorians to 'think local' and get out of their cars.	11/28/2018 12:04 PM
527	I appreciate the importance and complexity of this initiative and I hope the Board will take the time necessary to conduct a comprehensive review before moving forward with any changes.	11/28/2018 12:00 PM
528	Flexibility for individual student need regardless of boundary changes. I have a daughter that needs to attend secondary school out of catchment for her social emotional needs. Consideration needs to be made for students in these situations	11/28/2018 11:59 AM
529	minimize impact on children / parents	11/28/2018 11:58 AM
530	na	11/28/2018 11:57 AM
531	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not change catchment bounadries	11/28/2018 11:57 AM
532	Vic High is the only high school in Victoria. It should have a Challenge Program and a Flex Program to accommodate the interests of our kids. It doesn't need a sports program. And please hurry-up and get on with the seismic upgrading. I've lived in Victoria as long as upgrading has been talked about: 27 years. Enough is enough!	11/28/2018 11:56 AM
533	Keep siblings together	11/28/2018 11:53 AM
534	No	11/28/2018 11:52 AM
535	NO	11/28/2018 11:52 AM
536	I believe students should be able to attend any school they want. Provided they are responsible enough to get there (public transit, biking, parent driving)	11/28/2018 11:51 AM
537	Not sure if applicable. Encouraging public to support crossing guards at schools. Too often doesn't respect their roles in keeping the children safe.	11/28/2018 11:51 AM
538	Phase it in.	11/28/2018 11:48 AM
539	No	11/28/2018 11:48 AM

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540	Maintain the school's flexibility to make decisions on a case-by-case basis, rather than enforcing strict boundaries for a catchment area.	11/28/2018 11:48 AM
541	Currently live near swan lake and Lansdowne is the catchment school. That is way to far for a student to walk to school. I'd prefer Reynolds	11/28/2018 11:47 AM
542	The price of real estate in Victoria makes it unlikely that movement can occur just to be inside a catchment area to be able to attend a program of choice. I would not approve of exclusion of current or future students in sports academies or any other special program because they can't afford the real estate in the catchment area of the desired school.	11/28/2018 11:46 AM
543	No.	11/28/2018 11:45 AM
544	Phase out programs of choice. Instead, focus on improving the quality of education in every classroom, and in every school, so all students in SD 61 will experience similar quality of education. Currently there is significant disparity throughout our district, and this makes winners and losers. The losers will leave school at a disadvantage in life, and this is unacceptable.	11/28/2018 11:45 AM
545	No	11/28/2018 11:40 AM
546	no	11/28/2018 11:37 AM
547	No	11/28/2018 11:34 AM
548	It would be very upsetting for us if children who lived farther away from the school took priority over our children who live close to the school	11/28/2018 11:22 AM
549	If boundaries change, students should have choice to be grandfathered into the old catchment boundaries to stay with friends and siblings.	11/28/2018 11:20 AM
550	room should be made for non catchment kids to attend any school they would like should there be room in that school. All parents and students should be able to attend the school of their choice regardless of where the school is in the district.	11/28/2018 11:15 AM
551	current boundaries aren't realistic in many cases and need to be more reflective of where people live	11/28/2018 11:14 AM
552	Assumptions have been made in the questions that programs of choice may be negatively driving numbers. This may not be true in all cases - Esquimalt for example. Some district programs of choice are taking students who live outside the district. Although not a catchment issue, it is concerning that in-district students wouldn't be the priority.	11/28/2018 11:12 AM
553	They should allow siblings to grandfather in. I know many parents admitted to creating fake rental agreements and using grandparents address. We (uplands) pay the highest taxes as home owner so our child can go to Willow elementary.	11/28/2018 11:10 AM
554	I think students give some chance that they go if which school want to. There are open school's day before go to middle but they are not able to choice.	11/28/2018 10:47 AM
555	International students seem to have access to any school they want no matter where they reside this seems unfair	11/28/2018 10:42 AM
556	The boundaries make no sense right now as some schools are right on the edge. This leaves students unable to go to their closest school.	11/28/2018 10:31 AM
557	schools that are under utilized (Craigflower) should consider becoming dual track schools to move the population. Very full schools like Willows should lose dual track	11/28/2018 10:07 AM
558	Please return to common sense. It is not our duty to place students from other countries in schools prior to children who are Canadian students living here whose families pay taxes. Many of the International students families pay zero - and I know that for a fact. They are here freely on study and work permits and tax our public school system.	11/28/2018 10:06 AM
559	I would like to see some stability. I think it was a mistake to close schools, which have always served as community anchors. The school system can't be based on short-term thinking.	11/28/2018 9:55 AM
560	not at this moment	11/28/2018 9:46 AM
561	Special considerations	11/28/2018 9:35 AM
562	Priority has to be kids in catchment get it always to their catchment school.	11/28/2018 9:17 AM

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563	Fund Learning Assistance so all students in all schools are well-supported and parents wont feel as much pressure to move to a certain area or get their child into a certain program to avoid the over-stretched local school that is not receiving the funding and support and staff they need to be a fantastic option for all students!	11/28/2018 9:14 AM
564	No	11/28/2018 9:10 AM
565	Does this change anything if wanting to go to a school outside our district?	11/28/2018 8:49 AM
566	Good luck, I imagine a hard job that will never please all the people, appreciate the engagement process.	11/28/2018 8:42 AM
567	More out of school care options are needed in the schools (I would support using portables for the out of school care more than for classrooms).	11/28/2018 7:06 AM
568	Please reopen Richmond for families who live in the area.	11/28/2018 6:54 AM
569	I think that sports academies should not be so heavily emphasised. As an example, our catchment high school is Lambrick Park - a baseball academy. It is a small school to begin with, and our daughter, who is academic, will not get the same opportunities as if she attended Mt. Doug, for example. Small school and then take half the spots for baseball? Not a lot left.	11/28/2018 6:27 AM
570	Why do you need catchment boundaries? Think about it. Why would parents seek out one school over another? What is wrong for looking out for the best interests of your child? I chose private school over being forced to send my child to the catchment school that wasn't academically outstanding.	11/28/2018 5:49 AM
571	Traffic issues are a consideration if children have farther to go.	11/28/2018 1:07 AM
572	Please be mindful that view royal has some significant challenges, particularly when talking about middle school. Parents should be allowed to chose which middle school they send their child to. I do not want my child to do French immersion, however I do not want my children attending the English strand at Shoreline. I should be able to chose a school that best suits our families needs. Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us parents on this important matter.	11/27/2018 11:39 PM
573	what I said in 24.	11/27/2018 11:08 PM
574	As a host parent of international student,I think it is important to consider the amount of int. students who keep coming back for another school year and attend same high school, this is concerning because through this program they end up taking the space of a student who lives in the catchment area.	11/27/2018 11:07 PM
575	I think it's important that children can go to school in their neighbourhood and ideally that they can walk or otherwise get there safely without driving. Programs of choice in high schools are different because children are at an age where they have the ability to travel more independently. I think it's imperative to keep the smaller community schools open especially in neighbourhoods where the families have less income to cover transportation costs	11/27/2018 10:37 PM
576	Enforcement.	11/27/2018 10:35 PM
577	Think carefull on the consequences for kids as well as parents.	11/27/2018 10:28 PM
578	Please get the word out more to parents, the schools are not communicating this initiative enough.	11/27/2018 9:56 PM
579	It would be really great if local students took priority over international students. Perhaps the district needs to review the number of international students allowed in high schools.	11/27/2018 9:47 PM
580	We would like our catchment to stay where it is for now, as our daughter would like to go to Lansdowne/late french immersion. However we understand the need for a review.	11/27/2018 9:40 PM
581	Because Cloverdale traditional was a school of choice, we have planned our lives starting by waitlist that was being used to have our first child there. Based on a sibling no catchment understanding, now we are faced with our 2nd child not being able to attend same school. I believe anyone family with 1 child attending should grandfather in siblings and then proceed to catchment area children who is starting school	11/27/2018 9:28 PM
582	Walkability is IMPORTANT!!	11/27/2018 9:17 PM
583	use natural boundaries to facilitate walking, biking and minimizing car traffic congestion at schools	11/27/2018 9:05 PM
584	French immersion is a huge priority! We would like to see the programs more equally distributed.b	11/27/2018 9:04 PM

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585	Esquimalt needs an additional elementary school and I believe the district should look at opening lampson again. There are too many kids flowing into Esquimalt not to consider this. You have to help parents who face the very real dilemma of no out of school care at the catchment school and no way to get to a school in time thanks to traffic patterns (which are not going away). Lampson school would have seen my child stay within blocks of her home and make friends in an accessible neighbourhood. Having only Macaulay is too spread out for kids to meet others in their area to play with. Part of school should be fostering friendships from your neighbourhood. With today's boundaries and programs of choice, it's almost impossible to make friends who live near you now. Opening Lampson street again would help that. It would also help with children who are faced with the prospect of crossing Esquimalt Road which has a pedestrian/vehicle encounter weekly.	11/27/2018 8:58 PM
586	No	11/27/2018 8:57 PM
587	Please consider dropping the middle school model.	11/27/2018 8:19 PM
588	It's important to consider the parents work area & child care when determining district transfers.	11/27/2018 8:13 PM
589	I purchased my home based on its catchment. If the boundaries were to shift, I hope that there would be a grandfathering clause for those families affected.	11/27/2018 7:03 PM
590	No	11/27/2018 6:59 PM
591	No thank you	11/27/2018 6:40 PM
592	If programs of choice are what are creating bottle necks for enrollment, is it possible to look at funding additional and more unique programs of choice in other schools? equestrian, fine arts, STEM, gymnastics etc.	11/27/2018 6:29 PM
593	Should have been done years ago. I certainly hope that the people responsible for selling off schools / shuttering schools, opening catchment boundaries, and switching the district to the 'middle school model' have been fired or have moved on from this district. Those 3 decisions were disastrous.	11/27/2018 6:25 PM
594	Thought what was in place this year made sense. Priority to students already in school, then to new catchment students.	11/27/2018 6:15 PM
595	review opening old buildings, get them fixed and make schools smaller, more accessible to the neighbourhood and more conducive to the learning of our kids.	11/27/2018 6:09 PM
596	My children's school and most adjacent ones are currently relying on portables. Perhaps a more permanent solution should be considered? (Building additions? reopening unused school buildings?)	11/27/2018 6:06 PM
597	The district continues to be reactive not proactive. The catchment issue was identifiable 20 years ago and despite that French Immersion programs went to already crowded venues as did Challenge. Kids need to be able to attend where they feel they can get the best experience for themselves. When those choices are denied there is potential for harm.	11/27/2018 5:50 PM
598	I think there should be a larger percentage of students placed based on needs not on location.	11/27/2018 5:43 PM
599	I know that the GVSD has multiple schools that are either empty or are being leased out. Reopen these schools. Off the top of my head: Richmond and Uplands come to mind. Use these schools for what they're meant for. No parent should be worrying about whether their child will have a spot in their catchment school. Thank you for doing this review. I sincerely hope you seriously consider reopening/repurposing the schools you have available to you. Portables are not the answer!	11/27/2018 5:42 PM
600	To please look at opening Richmond or Uplands.	11/27/2018 5:31 PM
601	Programs of choice are not simple to move. Please don't be naive as this could negatively affect a generation of vulnerable kids.	11/27/2018 5:31 PM
602	Keep students enrolled on a case by case basis - please make a decision based on circumstance instead of blanket policy.	11/27/2018 5:31 PM
603	I'd like to know when you will be conducting a review of changes to inclusive education and consulting parents.	11/27/2018 5:30 PM
604	Choice programs and schools are the steps needed to get to the point that has been talked about with children building portfolios. Having classic classrooms doesn't work for many students and the district has been working on finding solutions for that. But if you think about classes in the traditional sense you will only be taking steps back.	11/27/2018 4:52 PM
605	No.	11/27/2018 4:33 PM

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606	I think that we should be considering adding schools back into the mix, richmond and the other school at blanshard and hillside, to help with the population growth and keeping kids in their catchment schools.	11/27/2018 4:23 PM
607	No	11/27/2018 4:15 PM
608	no comment	11/27/2018 4:09 PM
609	see above	11/27/2018 2:31 PM
610	Our family has strong and important connections to our current catchment elementary school. Example- teachers, staff and other families. They already know my 2nd child who would be enrolled in 2 yrs. It would be a shame if we had to place our 2nd child at a different elementary and start the process again and possibly lose to French Immersion due to the competitive access.	11/27/2018 1:47 PM
611	It's definitely overdue and needs to be reassessed.	11/27/2018 1:43 PM
612	This is not just all about Programs of Choice. It's also about overall academic excellence. The only program of choice which was even remotely interesting to our son was Challenge, but he wanted to attend Oak Bay High. If Challenge was at Oak Bay High, he may have done it. However, the priority is for him to remain at Oak Bay High, not be moved to some other school so that catchments can be changed so that Programs of Choice can be moved around.	11/27/2018 1:38 PM
613	It's sad that there appear to be "have" and "have not" schools in this region.	11/27/2018 1:24 PM
614	I believe it is very important to have boundaries in order to keep community together and not have people that aren't catchment taking those spaces. I think school of choice such as Cloverdale are different and should have sibling priority as well as pre registration in order to attend	11/27/2018 1:18 PM
615	It would have been nice to see some proposed boundary changes, I'm sure you have a few options already planned out. But it looks like your doing the survey first.	11/27/2018 12:37 PM
616	Please think about unintended consequences while you plan for the future. Thanks!	11/27/2018 12:34 PM
617	I hope that it is being undertaken as part of a comprehensive assessment of the district's building and land assets, including schools that have been closed (Uplands, Sundance) with the effect of enrollment pressures on Willows. More long-term strategic planning is needed.	11/27/2018 11:59 AM
618	Natural divisions, such as the gorge water way should be taken into consideration. Having to cross infrastructure to get to school and back home could prove to be a huge issue if there was a natural disaster such as an earthquake. Being stuck on the wrong side of the gorge due to bridge failure for either middle school or high school could be quite frightening for all parties involved.	11/27/2018 11:15 AM
619	I would love to see an extra Challenge programs put on centrally, like at Vic High. Some of the questions were hard to answer, as my daughter was a candidate for French Challenge, but has ended up going to our catchment school of Vic High. Our household had different priorities: mine was Challenge; hers was Vic High for the arts and proximity. Since I have a disability that limits my driving sometimes, and she is a working actor, we went with Vic High since it's almost across the road, so she can get home quickly and rest before rehearsals and dance classes. Despite the excellent attempts by Vic High staff to meet her giftedness needs, I still feel the loss of her not getting the academics at her level at Challenge, and feel we need more Challenge, and in central locations. Children with academic giftedness are also more likely to be talented in the arts - contact me if you want supporting documentation for that - and so are likely to be very busy like my daughter, so we need more programs scattered around the city. Have a look at the number of kids with gifted designations at Central Middle School alone - those kids could have gone to Vic High.	11/27/2018 10:33 AM
620	Make kids properly prove where they live so many people use other addresses no fare!	11/27/2018 9:54 AM
621	If the school board opened some of the many schools that were closed then the over crowding and use of portables problem would be solved. The solution is not to have fewer schools that are over capacity. Kids are totally overwhelmed by these mega schools. 450-600 kids in one elementary school is too big!	11/27/2018 9:17 AM
622	We live on Agnes street and want that our kids go to Glanford Middle school (walkable distance) instead of Cedar Hill (much more far from our home, needs extra driving in the morning).	11/27/2018 8:45 AM
623	I place great importance on being able to walk to school, as well as accessibility to school of choice. Cloverdale school fits both of those needs for me.	11/27/2018 8:39 AM
624	There should be a grandfather clause if your children have already started school and are in a certain catchment they should continue to be able to go to the same schools if the boundary changes.	11/27/2018 8:38 AM

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625	Maybe we need more "programs of choice" so that one or two schools don't carry all of the weight of out of catchment enrolment.	11/27/2018 8:23 AM
626	no	11/27/2018 7:32 AM
627	Thank you for including parents in your survey and consideration	11/27/2018 7:31 AM
628	Our catchment elementary school is a program of choice (French immersion). As such, it is very crowded as there are children from outside of catchment attending. This has led to portables having to be introduced. The size of the school population has diluted the quality of interaction between the children and teachers.	11/27/2018 7:31 AM
629	None	11/27/2018 12:33 AM
630	Terrible questionnaire. Get an expert in surveys next time, unless you were trying to lead the answers!	11/27/2018 12:02 AM
631	Please note that this survey feels manipulative with questions being asked assuming why people are upset with changing the boundaries. Paying taxes in one municipality and having another municipality as the catchment school is so wrong. I am so angry this is being pushed. Please stop this change and stay with the municipality that taxes are being paid in.	11/26/2018 11:57 PM
632	We love where we are hopefully it doesn't change for our youngest.	11/26/2018 11:29 PM
633	Question #22 I don't understand how you will solve the problem by moving the Programs of Choice to allow students to be in catchment. By moving the Program of Choice will solve the issue for the catchment area that you move it to but what about the students in the area that you left from? Again you are asking people to answer something blindly. I support the move to include children is the obvious answer but doesn't it cause problems for others at the same time?	11/26/2018 11:21 PM
634	Schools are an integral part of community, and our young, developing citizens should feel a part of that something 'bigger' around them. I know a lot of families choose to drive their kids to school across town for various reasons.... but for my part, I have purposely sought a neighborhood to raise my children, where they can easily walk or bike to school on their own or with friends, in a herd of neighbors, all doing the same. As long as "catchments" look, on a map, to be representative of the neighborhood around the school... that sounds good.	11/26/2018 11:19 PM
635	As Saanich and Victoria work to improve transportation routes, especially bike routes, it would be great for the school district to work in concert with city planners to create safe routes to school within the new boundaries.	11/26/2018 11:07 PM
636	what about foreign students? I don't think that we should be taking exchange students if it means that someone in catchment does not get a spot.	11/26/2018 10:34 PM
637	No.	11/26/2018 10:12 PM
638	Should grandfather families effected unlike the transition from elementary to middle school (school pathways).	11/26/2018 10:10 PM
639	Having a 1-2 year transitional plan in the shift would allow families to plan ahead (and move if they really felt they needed to).	11/26/2018 10:03 PM
640	Please ensure all options are explored and decision making criteria are transparent.	11/26/2018 9:50 PM
641	Please see question 23	11/26/2018 9:41 PM
642	please consult with adjacent school districts for efficiencies across district boundaries.	11/26/2018 9:29 PM
643	no	11/26/2018 9:24 PM
644	Good luck!	11/26/2018 8:36 PM
645	If changes are planned to the current school of choice options, parents need to be engaged in a meaningful way and part of the decision making process- nothing about us without us!	11/26/2018 8:00 PM
646	The schools needs to look at the neighborhoods that are in between catchments and allow parents to choose which schools would be best for the family	11/26/2018 7:55 PM
647	I prefer the option of a smaller school or French immersion	11/26/2018 6:53 PM
648	Should there be only 1 option of a school per catchment? Or do you make catchments larger and overlapping so some areas have 2 choices for schools, thereby easing registration at some schools or offering options to families.	11/26/2018 6:52 PM



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649	If any decision to shift (or not to shift) boundary borders means that existing programs of choice are moved or cancelled, that would be very concerning...	11/26/2018 5:13 PM
650	I know you can't make everyone happy. Best of luck!	11/26/2018 5:10 PM
651	I feel like the cohort that started together before the new rules around catchment, and went to a school of choice (in this case, SouthPark) should be able to stay together for middle and high school. I understand the constraints on the district at this time, but we may have considered another school option if we knew that he would not be able to attend an out of catchment middle or high school. Thanks for asking for input from families.	11/26/2018 5:03 PM
652	Our two Middle School children are fine to attend where they are, but our 4 yr old will fall into Quadra catchment. We are so much closer to Cloverdale and we would prefer that be considered a catchment school instead of a program of choice. We believe proximity should trump program diversity.	11/26/2018 4:50 PM
653	I think everyone should have a choice of two potential schools at each level in case, for whatever reason, they do not like their one designated school. The designated school in your catchment as well as the one in the adjacent catchment should be available for choice.	11/26/2018 4:15 PM
654	This should impact new families only, and not children whose school path has already started.	11/26/2018 3:35 PM
655	Provincial education budget reduction (over 12 years) caused closing 7 schools caused over crowding caused this boundary review. Allowing uber schools: Willows, CV, Oaklands and tiny schools: Craigflower. Lake Hill, South Park is a mistake - hurts the small schools - risk closure.	11/26/2018 3:17 PM
656	It's good to have boundaries and catchments, as long as they are flexible (within reason).	11/26/2018 2:38 PM
657	I think there are more priorities to families than the ones you have listed - for example, a fine arts program for secondary and the Aboriginal education programming throughout the schools are priorities for me and my family. I also find it interesting that "schools of choice" have been identified in this survey	11/26/2018 2:36 PM
658	That people should be granted current boundaries moving dorward and change it for future student. I think it's also important to keep sibilings together to keep sanity in a family. I have 4 kids if I couldn't have them and the same school my life would be so much harder.	11/26/2018 2:22 PM
659	I strongly support re-opening Richmond School in light of the space limitations at hand right now. It was closed during a time before the class size/composition rules were restored and NOW — with those rules restored — it makes sense to re-open that building to accommodate families in that area and ease the pressure on other schools who've had to absorb those students.	11/26/2018 2:03 PM
660	please consider family's needs first over the district's needs	11/26/2018 1:48 PM
661	There are students interested in additional early language offerings besides, or in addition to, French immersion, and I would strongly support the exploration of adding such programming.	11/26/2018 1:36 PM
662	Children who live in the catchment and attend the catchment school do better socially after school, as opposed to with children who live out of catchment.	11/26/2018 1:29 PM
663	We were deeply affected by the change last year. While it all ended well, being initially told we had no choice as to my daughter's middle school and no route of appeal was devastating and a massive emotional upheaval. Thankfully, the middle school within her current stream had space and were able to take her. We spent hours talking with our family doctor and counsellors regarding the transition to middle school and the crucial nature of stability and community at that age. Children and families should not be forced to attend a new middle school because of a change in boundaries without (a) several years of advance notice (b) a route of appeal and (c) consideration of the individual child and that child's needs in terms of mental and educational health.	11/26/2018 1:23 PM
664	No	11/26/2018 1:12 PM
665	Currently I have 2 kids in different middle schools as one is in french and one isn't It would be nice to have the opportunity to be have sufficient flexibility for those parents to have their child go to a non-catchment school as well where their older sibling is in a program of choice. That said, offering overlapping catchments so that parents had 2 choices of schools may be a consideration so parents felt they had more choice but with current priorities still in place.	11/26/2018 1:10 PM

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666	Families should be able to have some choice in providing an enriching learning environment for their children. Not all children are the same and our in particular require a more gentle enriched approach to school with a robust arts program and walkability. For us that's Oaklands. It's quite problematic that we have to drive all the way to Frank Hobbs currently with our time, financially and not developing community in our own neighbourhood.	11/26/2018 1:08 PM
667	Really want additional early language offerings (Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese)	11/26/2018 12:59 PM
668	nope	11/26/2018 12:56 PM
669	See above	11/26/2018 12:54 PM
670	Would like to see it based on proximity to current residence (ie oak bay high school is closer then our catchment school (mt Doug)	11/26/2018 12:35 PM
671	We purchased our residence on Chamberlain St in East Fairfield for the reason that the schools in the catchment areas were our schools of choice.	11/26/2018 12:35 PM
672	Please remember that you are working towards improving the learning opportunities for our children, and their families. Please keep their best interests in mind.	11/26/2018 12:32 PM
673	Encouraging and facilitating non-car ways of accessing school	11/26/2018 12:31 PM
674	Students who live within catchment should have priority over any other students who are living out of catchment.	11/26/2018 12:20 PM
675	I love that public schools are diverse and serve different needs. I would much rather have programs of choice - schools that do certain disciplines well than have children be forced to attend catchment schools and not have the choice to flourish their skills that are offered at another school. Schools serving diverse needs makes our public school system healthy, vibrant, diverse- what makes ourcommunity healthy as well! Having each school (at middle and secondary levels) offer same program seems short sighted	11/26/2018 12:13 PM
676	Programs of Choice do not impact my children's school registration. My values of diversity are the reason they don't attend their catchment school. This survey was too focused on Programs of Choice. I do not like some of the questions, where it as multiple choice: because, I do not agree with the answers I have access to.	11/26/2018 12:05 PM
677	I think it should have been done before changing the enrollment priorities.	11/26/2018 12:02 PM
678	That there are moms that are using fake ICBC forms to get their children into schools... to avoid going to schools in their catchment so they can go to "better" school.. Its complete bullshit that you have to lie in order to get your kids into a school that you want to be in...or a better school.	11/26/2018 11:58 AM
679	Marigold french immersion students need a more sensible option than the Shoreline/Esquimalt pathway. This makes no sense having these students cross Highway 1 to get to their pathway schools. It's not just the school day that needs to be thought about but extra curricular activities have to be taken into account as well.	11/26/2018 11:53 AM
680	all kids should have the opportunity to walk to school.	11/26/2018 9:35 AM
681	Yes. Portables are a solution and they should be in place at the start of the school year (Willows did not have portables in place until December last year). It is important though to make sure older children go into the portables (obviously not Kindergarten).	11/26/2018 9:29 AM
682	do not do this!	11/26/2018 6:08 AM
683	We would like to have school catchment program for middle school and secondary school.	11/25/2018 10:28 PM
684	see above	11/25/2018 8:41 PM
685	why are foreign students taking up spots in our crowded high schools...??	11/25/2018 7:56 PM
686	no	11/25/2018 6:56 PM
687	I like the dutch system of applying to the schools you prefer and the kids being chosen based on best fit for the type of school and other criteria. I think the strict location based system isn't supportive of families choice.	11/25/2018 6:36 PM

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688	a review was done and decisions were made (in June 2017) concerning children attending their catchment school. That decision directly impacted those kids born in 2007 who were told, in their Grade 5 year, that they were no longer allowed to attend the middle school they thought they would be attending MIDDLE SCHOOL with their peers (which was on the same pathway). Some applied for transfers and some were granted. Now this same group of kids born in 2007 may be impacted by a catchment boundary change and no longer be allowed to attend the HIGH SCHOOL they had been planning on (not only for the duration of their childhood, but since their parents bought the house yeas earlier). WHY IS THIS SAME GROUP OF STUDENTS BEING AFFECTED BY THESE REVIEWS/DECISIONS...??? IT RESULTS IN A LOT OF ANXIETY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS. HOW ABOUT DELAYING THE PROCESS BY A YEAR AND GIVE THE 2007 BORN KIDS A BREAK FROM BEING GUINEA PIGS...?	11/25/2018 6:25 PM
689	I think that reviewing how a student would get to the school from their house regardless of the mode of transportation. If the routes that they had to travel to get to their catchment school travel past another school on the way, then the catchment school they are in clearly has not considered transportation or commute. Langford commuter traffic should be considered I know it's hard to consider because they seem to use any and all arteries they can. My only point is that we chose not to live in Langford to avoid that terrible commute, we should not be subjected to driving into to it when clearly there are other options that use common sense	11/25/2018 3:53 PM
690	It would be beneficial for our children there is option of Japanese immersion.	11/25/2018 3:02 PM
691	It appears that certain school are attractive because they are almost private schools within public schools (which has created have/have not schools) all parents want the best for their children- the district should be asking why people are lying to get in these schools such as OAK BAY!! Maybe they should increase funding to other schools to create a more equitable opportunity and therefor would be facing less issues with boundaries as parents and kids would want to go to their local school!	11/25/2018 2:33 PM
692	I applaud the initiative and hope that it will result in improved educational opportunities for all public school students.	11/25/2018 12:06 PM
693	no	11/25/2018 8:31 AM
694	from what I gather the change for eagle view and view royal does not include the houses south of Atkins. I think it should include all houses west of 6 mile, north and south of atkins. Thetis vale and Chilco Road/Any Lane etc.	11/24/2018 11:11 PM
695	There are still a number of families who falsify their address to attend schools not in their catchment. I would like to see more rigor applied to the application process so that doesn't happen.	11/24/2018 9:12 PM
696	Reading Recovery intervention should be mandatory at all elementary schools.	11/24/2018 8:55 PM
697	Children should not have to travel farther or on multiple city buses to attend school because if a growing population. Using portables, although not the most convenient for students seems like a logical solution.	11/24/2018 8:10 PM
698	Re-open schools!	11/24/2018 5:24 PM
699	When you are looking at this to role out in 2020. Would it affect children and families already enrolled or just transfer students and new enrolment?	11/24/2018 10:35 AM
700	Programs of choice are important and to displace a child from all his friends and familiarity is traumatizing.	11/24/2018 10:02 AM
701	Are there any plans to build new facilities or repatriate old ones such as Lampson Street School in order to provide for a more equitable distribution of facilities?	11/24/2018 10:00 AM
702	No.	11/24/2018 9:41 AM
703	Is there a simultaneous review of the school district's transportation services? Would be beneficial.	11/24/2018 9:06 AM
704	yes. maybe reopening some schools that had been previously closed would be better long term solution.	11/24/2018 8:38 AM
705	Children who live within their catchment area should always have first choice and should not be bumped in favour of kids from out of boundary	11/23/2018 11:17 PM
706	Just to keep open spots for kids from specialized schools such as soutpark can stay with their friends, and that parents who work close to schools be considered in placements	11/23/2018 10:07 PM

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707	We moved to our current location due to the catchment boundaries established since moving into district 61 in 2016.	11/23/2018 9:55 PM
708	While concerned about how the changes might affect my family, I am glad that the review is occurring. I think it is a necessary process for SD 61.	11/23/2018 9:36 PM
709	I agree with using major roads and landmarks as dividers for geographic areas as it is very logical to do so. I do understand that density in areas has changed over the years and it makes sense move children from crowded schools to other locations where there is more room.	11/23/2018 8:44 PM
710	not at this time.	11/23/2018 8:36 PM
711	None	11/23/2018 7:42 PM
712	Again, please consider that the greatest amount of freedom and flexibility you can offer does ultimately benefit the students. Kids are incredibly diverse and their diverse needs and fits need to be recognized and championed. Even something like a catchment boundary can have huge implications on a student & family's success. So my hope is that you don't make it too rigid.	11/23/2018 7:16 PM
713	.6 km difference in catchment and other school close to work and daycare	11/23/2018 6:51 PM
714	I think that the rules should be different for elementary, middle and high. Catchment should be more flexible as students get older.	11/23/2018 5:28 PM
715	Neighbourhoods where kids live and go to school builds community and a sense of belonging, attending outside area reduces this opportunity and lessens interactions at a neighbourhood level	11/23/2018 4:58 PM
716	My partner, youngers child (gr. 3) and I are worried that he will not be able to continue on the same school/program pathway as his current peers. In addition, our child in gr. 3 is already expressing a very high interest in following his older brother's pathway in the CSE program at Reynolds Secondary.	11/23/2018 4:54 PM
717	Families are busy and having the ability for their children to be able to get themselves to/from school is important too, and it removes a stress on the family.	11/23/2018 4:40 PM
718	I know that some high schools have a higher population of International students than others. Leaving less spots available to students living here in the district. I understand they pay to go to school here, subsidizing the lack of funding given to the schools, but I would like to see that dispersed evenly throughout all Highschools. Only have so many spots available in each high school	11/23/2018 4:27 PM
719	Please add south jubilee to the oak bay or else fairfield catchments - preferably oak bay.	11/23/2018 3:52 PM
720	No, but thanks for the opportunity to share.	11/23/2018 3:31 PM
721	any other province they just make space	11/23/2018 3:27 PM
722	no	11/23/2018 3:26 PM
723	No	11/23/2018 3:09 PM
724	I live in Vic West and am very reluctant to send my kids to Rockheights as a middle school. I wish there was a closer/better quality option.	11/23/2018 3:06 PM
725	We are concerned that we will not be able to get into french immersion program in our catchment school (where we live across the street from) and would then have to be driving to a school further away.	11/23/2018 2:47 PM
726	Please review the Eagle View Catchment- this is a huge area, and we live on the boarder (literally- if you look at the map, we are on Cyril Owen place) of the catchment for this and strawberry vale and prospect lake. This is very far away from our home/community, and we understand that we used to be a part of the strawberry vale catchment, however, when Eagle view was built a decision was made to change our catchment. We have to drive right past Strawberry Vale in order to get to Eagle View (another 20 minutes minimum). There are no roads that connect us. Please look at the catchment map, and connecting roads when determining catchment.	11/23/2018 2:32 PM
727	Please allow students who have parents that work regularly at a school to go to the school where their parents work regardless of catchment area.	11/23/2018 1:34 PM
728	I'm happy to hear you are looking into it!	11/23/2018 12:06 PM
729	no	11/23/2018 11:57 AM

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730	Catchments don't address the fact that there are limited French immersion options and an increasing demand.	11/23/2018 11:13 AM
731	The review needs to centralize schools within boundaries.	11/23/2018 10:26 AM
732	working families are juggling many things at one time. Changing catchments with the possibly of changing schools not only affect the child's social network, but also a families ability to return to work.	11/23/2018 9:52 AM
733	Surveys are tough to crate but I found some of the questions worded oddly. It would be good next time to have N/A options or open ended options in addition to yes/no. Regarding catchment review, please consider the impact of families when catchments change for siblings. For the first few years, provide options for siblings to attend the schools their older siblings did. This is important for school community and continuity in families.	11/23/2018 9:43 AM
734	Covered in my other comments.	11/23/2018 5:21 AM
735	Programs of choice should be accessible to all	11/22/2018 9:45 PM
736	not at this time	11/22/2018 9:44 PM
737	No	11/22/2018 9:42 PM
738	General concern about quality of education & availability to students/parents that desire focused schools. French immersion has been used as an end run around the problem of inclusive classes and underfunding. Lower standards are leading to a dilution of quality, changing catchments will lead to further class stratification as students that have higher intelligence/support are stuck in neighbourhoods.	11/22/2018 8:17 PM
739	We live in the Thetis Vale neighbourhood in View Royal which has expanded greatly in recent years. Most parents try to transfer their kids to Eagle View as it doesn't require a timely commute through rush hour, doesn't cross a major highway and makes more sense in the future given the middle and high school it feeds in to.	11/22/2018 8:14 PM
740	We live in Fernwood and our children attend Willows, French Emersion. Our children must attend the same middle and high schools for safety reasons and convenience. Our children's friends will go to Willows, Lansdowne & Oak Bay High and we do not want to see them separated from the friendships they have built through childhood because the school district changed their rules half way through their school years.	11/22/2018 8:00 PM
741	It is important to my family that both my children go to the same school/pathway	11/22/2018 7:50 PM
742	Its about what's best fir the family unit. In our case staying together in different programs. Our youngest has ASD apur oldest in French immersion. We need them in same school	11/22/2018 7:40 PM
743	Same as above saanich residents should be part if the saanich school system	11/22/2018 7:22 PM
744	Earlier transfer forms than February so there is more time to decide on out of catchment and or specialized programs.	11/22/2018 7:10 PM
745	keep siblings together.	11/22/2018 6:52 PM
746	Remove the boundaries	11/22/2018 6:39 PM
747	No	11/22/2018 6:05 PM
748	Ni thks	11/22/2018 5:48 PM
749	Please leave it the same. Just add portables if you need more space in the school. If you must change things don't do it for 5 years so families have time to change their living circumstances if needed.	11/22/2018 5:13 PM
750	Hazards such as children having to cross the Trans Canada Highway	11/22/2018 4:35 PM
751	Please make the WEST border for OAK BAY, Monterey, and Margaret Jenkins further west. Or, return to the previous method of allowing parents/students to choose the middle and secondary school that they attend.	11/22/2018 4:23 PM
752	I believe the concept of 'catchment' schools is outdated. Let students go to the school they want to -- it's public, so keep it open. If a school loses enrollment because it isn't desirable, then address that issue. Otherwise, let children go to where they want to.	11/22/2018 4:10 PM

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753	In addition to considering natural boundaries and major roads when planning catchment boundaries, I think that the village/town centres that were identified by the City of Victoria for their Community Plan should also be taken into consideration. It is great when schools fit in to the existing travel/social/commercial routes and routines of the community and its members.	11/22/2018 3:54 PM
754	Yes, if a student attends an out-of-catchment school, he/she should be able to follow that track through high school in that catchment area. I think that would be less disruptive, better for peer groups.	11/22/2018 3:53 PM
755	Lottery no boundaries!	11/22/2018 3:50 PM
756	We appreciate having a chance to learn more and share our feedback.	11/22/2018 3:46 PM
757	I do not agree with Programs of Choice. I think this drives unreasonable commute times and negatively impacts the traffic and transportation issues in greater victoria. I believe programs of choice exclude children and families who cannot attend non-catchment schools. I believe they also drive socio-economic disparity between secondary schools. I would rather see this specialization money put towards improving all secondary schools in SD61.	11/22/2018 3:29 PM
758	Keeping siblings together is a primary concern.	11/22/2018 2:52 PM
759	I am a member of a Facebook group discussing this issue. As far as I can tell, there have been very few posts by parents who rent their family homes. I am concerned that the voices of relatively privileged families that own their homes will dominate parent input in this review. The SD should make an effort to hear from families less likely to respond to this survey or otherwise assert their opinions. Simple "equal" opportunity to complete a survey does not result in equitable influence on SD decisions.	11/22/2018 2:20 PM
760	I question if it makes sense to have Cloverdale and Southpark be schools of choice.	11/22/2018 1:59 PM
761	I would really hope that considering opening Richmond Elementary and Uplands Elementary are on the table. I don't understand why these schools weren't opened immediately after enrolment increased and class size and composition were changed back. Also, with Victoria's population well above where it was when those two schools were open, and increasing every year, I don't understand why it has to be this way now. Portables and changing catchment boundaries are both a temporary fix to a greater problem. We need more schools. Obviously I am ignorant of the internal workings of the school district but as a citizen of Victoria I know I am not alone in my thinking. Fortunately our catchment school is a lower population area but we moved from a very high population catchment area and know people who line up at 5am to register their children. This is insane for a small city like Victoria and creates competition, cheating, and stress over public school enrolment!	11/22/2018 1:58 PM
762	Maybe take a look at making catchment boundaries for the late immersion program	11/22/2018 1:14 PM
763	I purchased my home based solely on what I thought was the catchment but after purchase found out that the school 5 minutes from us is not our catchment school. We were lucky to get her into the school but if she cannot continue her education at the same school then the school district will have to provide bus service as we are too far to walk from her catchment school. It is an added expense to myself that I cannot afford and means much longer days for a young child. I will have to change hours of work if bus service is not provided which will affect my income even more. I purchased a home based on what the real estate info said and the fact that I can see the school from the home and then it turns out that is not my catchment - I know it was my responsibility to check the boundaries but it makes absolutely no sense that houses on the same street as the school - directly across the street are not within the boundary.	11/22/2018 1:04 PM
764	I think where houses are in location to schools should be looked at more closely as some houses are clearly closer to other schools but are in another catchment even though they are across the street from the boundary line.	11/22/2018 12:56 PM
765	It is our perspective that children should attend the closest school to where they reside, if attending public school.	11/22/2018 12:48 PM
766	Esquimalt high is a very difficult drive from our area during rush hour School related traffic is a big issue in general and I would like to see a school bus program	11/22/2018 12:31 PM
767	I want flexibility where I send my child. it doesn't matter to me if its close to home or not. This is low priority for me. What matters is being able to choose the best school for my child.	11/22/2018 12:13 PM

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768	Given the fact that the cost of living in Victoria is extremely high, it is a fact that due to circumstances, families who rent sometimes must move out of catchment if rent-evicted or if their rental homes are sold. In these instances, parents are willing to commute to ensure that their child's schooling and friendships are not disrupted. This, in my opinion, should be the most important consideration prior to implementing any change to catchment rules or boundaries	11/22/2018 12:13 PM
769	As my child is approaching high school, I am concerned with what I see as students (but mostly their parents) trying to get their children into schools they deem as higher level, and the extent that they will go to ensure their child gets into certain schools. For example, I recently know of a family who purchased a condo in another catchment area to ensure their child got into a different school (Oak Bay) even though they live in a different catchment. To me, this creates a sense that some schools are better than others and that only those who can afford it can get to those public schools. We should be working to ensure the reputational value of all of our schools.	11/22/2018 12:08 PM
770	No, I am happy with my catchment and school pathway.	11/22/2018 12:05 PM
771	I would really like to see more of an effort made to equalize the playing field so that there are not some schools with high opportunity for parent involvement, lovely infrastructure, outdoor education, fabulous music programs, family dances and events, state of the art equipment etc. while other schools have none of this. Of course parents want to ship their kids beyond catchment boundary lines if the school in their area is less vibrant and equipped than a school farther away. It is true that PAC involvement does raise money, provide volunteers etc., but this can't be an excuse for some schools to have amazing robotics stations, nature paths, gardens, Halloween dances, community art projects etc. and other schools to have none of this. Also, there is not enough space at catchment schools for French. We were unable to get into the French program at our catchment school. It would have been an extra 30 minutes driving (each way) to get to a French school. There is no fairness in either of these issues. I am all for creating walkable communities, having kids attend the school in their neighbourhood etc. this is a huge benefit to community population health and social connectivity...but not if some kids walk to a top-notch school, and other kids in the same district walk to a school offering half the benefits.	11/22/2018 11:59 AM
772	I would like to see more schools of choice being offered, and offered for upper grades as well.	11/22/2018 11:54 AM
773	Our catchment school is Colquitz Middle School and that is where my children will go. Many families from the elementary school my children attend (SVE) do not like the socio demographic of that school and are choosing to leave district to go to Royal Oak. We are choosing Colquitz because a) it is very close to us and b) believe it to be a great school. It is unfortunate that it is so easy to switch districts - getting into Royal Oak has never been a problem for families, but Royal Oak will soon be facing space issues (if not already). I believe that children should go to their neighborhood school.	11/22/2018 11:39 AM
774	we would really like to see less out of catchment students being driven into these schools simply out of convenience - they aren't attending programs of choice, etc. It creates too much traffic.	11/22/2018 11:34 AM
775	I would love to see French immersion available at Victoria West Elementary- we have to go out of our English catchment to access the French catchment	11/22/2018 11:23 AM
776	I think children should go to school where they can be close to one parent. Since for a majority of children both parents work, having catchment areas to determine where a child should go to school does not help in quickly reuniting the child with a parent after school.	11/22/2018 10:46 AM
777	May want to consider re-opening schools that were closed during downturn in enrollment (ie Richmond Elementary)	11/22/2018 10:19 AM
778	no	11/22/2018 10:18 AM
779	There should be leniency to certain situations when a student is struggling at the catchment school.	11/22/2018 10:01 AM
780	We need a french immersion kiddle school i oak bay or fairfield. My child should not have to travel to victoria or saanich to go to school when we live in oak bay.	11/22/2018 9:46 AM
781	We are hoping our son, like our daughter, can attend an elementary school close to our shared place of work (outside our catchment boundary) to make child-care arrangements easier for both of us.	11/22/2018 9:42 AM
782	kids who are in the same school from k-5 and have made friends, it would be hard on some kids to split them up and force going to different middle schools where they might not know anyone.	11/22/2018 9:42 AM

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783	I feel that if the catchment boundary is re-established it should be implemented for students when they begin kindergarten and not disrupt young people as they navigate the transitions from elementary to middle, middle to high school without the support of their friends and cohorts.	11/22/2018 9:37 AM
784	Nope	11/22/2018 9:32 AM
785	Particularly for elementary and middle school, boundaries should be based on distance from the school - not arbitrary boundaries such as roads.	11/22/2018 9:09 AM
786	Perhaps the problem is not the catchment but the funding of and quality of public schools. Parents want to send their children to the best available school. Offer more special programs.	11/22/2018 9:04 AM
787	Can you seek more new school funding from fed or prov.? The age of schools is astounding. Build some new annexes at least.	11/22/2018 8:53 AM
788	Both my kids, now in grades 10 and 12, may not have been enrolled in French Immersion if our catchment school did not offer the program. Both kids have thrived in French Immersion and I can't imagine how they would be different if they had not had the opportunity. I am so glad that we were given this opportunity for them to follow a different path than the regular English track.	11/22/2018 8:49 AM
789	This year has been disruptive for many families who had to change from pathway schools to catchment schools in French Immersion. Many cohorts of friends and communities of families have been disrupted. Change is inevitably disruptive.	11/22/2018 8:30 AM
790	Ensure that siblings are GUARANTEED enrollment in the same schools as one another.	11/22/2018 8:01 AM
791	Even if catchment stay relatively the same give each catchment a couple choices. ie: Craigflower also give us marigold. It's french Emerson and close enough to be I. Catchment.	11/22/2018 7:49 AM
792	Don't change them.	11/22/2018 7:09 AM
793	I am very concerned that new catchment boundaries would prevent my children from attending the same elementary school at the same time. This would result in great disruption for our family, erase the benefits younger siblings gain from involvement in older siblings school life, and prevent our family from investing in school community and culture by limiting availability for parent involvement in the classroom, PAC, building community connections with other school families, etc. - I'm concerned that if catchment boundaries change, families would choose to move to the catchment so all the children in a family can attend the same school, putting great financial burden on the family.	11/22/2018 5:02 AM
794	Not at this time	11/22/2018 12:05 AM
795	SD 61 should look at reopening Richmond and Uplands Elementary schools to alleviate overcrowding and the use of portables at Willows Elementary and Lansdowne Middle School. The issue with everyone wanting their kid to attend Oak Bay High would be alleviated if you were to rebuild Mount Doug and modernize Vic High.	11/21/2018 11:07 PM
796	It's unfortunate that some families need to find space in other schools within the district to accommodate their wants/needs for things like French immersion, but overall, the district has made it work for me and my family. There may be complications when my second child is ready for school, unsure if she will be able to attend the same school as my eldest daughter, but those are issues we will have to deal with when the time comes. For me, transparency around waitlists for French immersion spots in the district would be helpful, as we know there were only 12 spots for over 60 people on the waitlist in my catchment the year for the kindergarten grade, we needed to go the alternate school route, but I was not able to determine where my child stood on any of the alternate school waitlists, thus making the decision to accept a spot at a school difficult. Without knowing all the options in front of me, it was like making an uninformed decision. Overall, like I've said though, things have worked out. But I'm also willing to go the distance to ensure my child is getting educated in French.	11/21/2018 11:05 PM
797	I think kids starting school in fall 2019 should be able to go to their new catchment schools if the boundaries shifted	11/21/2018 11:04 PM



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798	I believe very strongly that for families with younger siblings entering elementary school younger siblings should be grandfathered into their original catchment school provided their address remains within the original catchment lines. Families should be kept together. I am also concerned that, as a result of the catchment boundary borders being redrafted, some families will have their children split between schools such that one child participates in a program of choice and the other does not. I am primarily speaking about split access to French immersion. Through interactions before and after school, time spent in their siblings' classrooms, time spent at school events, and through learning that takes place at the dinner table and on their parents' or siblings' laps, younger children develop an attachment to their siblings' schools and, in the case of French immersion, to the language and culture. I find it very upsetting to imagine that a child might not have the opportunity to learn in French because of being unsuccessful in the French immersion lottery at their family's "new" catchment school when their sibling continues to attend French immersion at their "old" catchment school. In my view, it is equally wrong to force an older child, with friendships and attachment to their "old" catchment school to move to their "new" catchment school in order for their sibling to have "in-catchment sibling" priority for the French immersion lottery.	11/21/2018 10:39 PM
799	It's a bit unclear as to what exactly you are considering. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in this survey. I hope there will be many other opportunities for parents to express their concerns all throughout this process.	11/21/2018 10:09 PM
800	Good luck with this review!	11/21/2018 10:04 PM
801	I was upset 1.5 years ago because I really wanted early french immersion for my child and have indicated 3 schools that would work for us - she didn't get in. Then I read in the newspaper that all families who wanted french immersion were accomodated. That was not true!	11/21/2018 9:59 PM
802	We live on the North side of a small street that runs East/West called Middowne Road in North Oak Bay. As it pertains to our street, my wife and I believe that the catchment boundary is fundamentally wrong. As it stands today, every home on the odd numbered (South) side of Middowne is in the Willows/Monterrey/Oak Bay High catchment, and everyone on the even numbered (North) side of the street is in the Campus View/Arbutus/Mount Douglas Secondary catchment. While I understand that at some point a line must be drawn, I ask that the line splitting our street down the middle be reconsidered. There are only ten (10) homes on Middowne Road on the North side of the street, and we are likely the only people with school aged children (today) on the North side of Middowne Road. As you can see from the graph above, Campus View is more than twice as far away from our house as Willows, and both the Middle and High School options are significantly further as well. Beyond the consideration of convenience, the School District must also consider the safety factor of requiring a student to travel twice as far as is required to a school daily. I am formally calling this out as a concern at this point. A recent study conducted by Germany-based Education International showed that long journeys to school have a negative impact on students' health and on their education achievement levels. My recommendation/ask is that the ten (10) houses the North (even numbered) side Middowne Road be moved into the Willows/Monterrey/Oak Bay catchment. As it pertains to this particular street, it make no sense to have half in the Willows and half in Campus View. I have not formally reviewed the demographics on the North side of the street, however, I believe today our two children are the only two that would be considered school aged on the North side of the street.	11/21/2018 9:57 PM
803	No	11/21/2018 9:48 PM
804	If there is space in a school then out of catchment kids should be able to apply.	11/21/2018 9:47 PM
805	Finlyson should be the boundary for Reynolds , those of us in between hillside and finlyson . Vic high is much closer than Reynolds .	11/21/2018 9:47 PM
806	Hoping sibling priority doesn't change as having two kids in two different schools would be difficult for a family to function.	11/21/2018 9:37 PM
807	It's really disappointing that your not stating your automatically grandfather the siblings of current enrolled kids in 2020. It's creating stress for parents and impacts work schedules, safe travel for kids.	11/21/2018 9:10 PM
808	Need to re-open additional schools to meet demand without resorting to portables.	11/21/2018 8:35 PM
809	I am a teacher as well as a parent so I truly understand the crowding issues currently in schools. I feel, even as crowded as schools are, I am a better parent and teacher when the consistency between siblings creates prior knowledge and relationships with families that span over a decade.	11/21/2018 8:34 PM

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810	I don't live close to a boundary line, but I know families that do. A "grey area" of 1km on either side of the boundary to give those families a choice between the two catchments. Living on one side of the boundary line doesn't always make it easy for those kids to get to school.	11/21/2018 8:27 PM
811	Nope.	11/21/2018 7:48 PM
812	Adding portables means adding students to a school site: increased pressure on fields, gym and library access, bathrooms. There should be no schools of choice. All schools should provide the best educational experience: reading recovery, french immersion, sports. My grandson will be coming to Victoria next. I wan't him in a school building with adequate space and programs of choice. There are too many have and have not schools in this district. All students should have equal access.	11/21/2018 7:35 PM
813	Siblings should always receive priority placements, regardless of catchment boundaries.	11/21/2018 7:33 PM
814	I wish there were no boundaries for attending schools	11/21/2018 7:25 PM
815	no	11/21/2018 7:06 PM
816	Families should have choice. Our middle school catchment is Shoreline and this school isn't a good fit for everyone (having worked in the building as an EA). Kids within catchment should get priority (as the latest priorities have taken into consideration) and if there is still room in the school, out of catchment should absolutely get the opportunity to enroll.	11/21/2018 6:54 PM
817	Not at this time.	11/21/2018 6:29 PM
818	Children in french programs should have as much of a chance to attend a school within walking, biking or busing distance from where they live as those in English only programs	11/21/2018 5:36 PM
819	Be more specific about how children in existing special programs could be impacted	11/21/2018 5:30 PM
820	Na	11/21/2018 4:53 PM
821	if children are in an out of catchment elementary school and wish to attend the middle school in the same area ie Frank Hobbs to Arbutus Middle School - and cannot get in, what message is that sending to our children about valuing and respecting their choices and supporting their mental health and friendships to continue - particularly at this critical time in their social/emotional development.	11/21/2018 4:53 PM
822	No	11/21/2018 4:53 PM
823	Ultimately through Middle school I want my children (one attending, one in preschool and one on the way) to attend the same schools, it just makes sense. I would be concerned about a shift forcing younger siblings to follow a different pathway of schools. Once high school aged and capable of safely taking transit/ biking greater distances by themselves, I have less concern of having to get them to locations farther away if they desire a particular specialty program for their studies.	11/21/2018 4:44 PM
824	It is critical that any changes in boundaries are applied on a go forward basis. Students should not be obliged to change schools mid stream.	11/21/2018 4:43 PM
825	We have always been out of district and have been fortunate enough to find a place in the schools that we chose and when we could not we found somewhere else for them to go in order to accommodate their requests.	11/21/2018 4:43 PM
826	No	11/21/2018 4:40 PM
827	Address 1311 hillside ave currently has the catchment middle school of central which is about a 1/2 hr walk (depending on the speed of child) however Lansdowne middle school is closer in proximity and only takes 20 min to walk to. It would make more sense for Lansdowne middle school to be the catchment school.	11/21/2018 4:16 PM
828	Same as #24	11/21/2018 4:10 PM
829	No	11/21/2018 3:57 PM
830	Please consider grandfathering children and their siblings.	11/21/2018 3:52 PM
831	We are located on a small street which is divided into 2 catchments. Using larger boundaries would be helpful in identifying what our catchment schools are.	11/21/2018 3:52 PM

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832	Kids should go to school where they live, regardless of the "Programs of Choice" that are or are not available, which creates elitist and prejudicial attitudes towards school programs, students and educators as one is more artificially valued than the other.	11/21/2018 3:25 PM
833	This questionnaire does not take into account that some schools work better for kids than others. Has nothing to do with where they are. I'm relieved my child is at GHMS instead of CHMS because she finds bigger schools overwhelming. She would have gone into Late French but that is a smaller world inside a big world.	11/21/2018 2:53 PM
834	There should be a gradual change (over 2-3 years) such that people are not caught off guard.	11/21/2018 2:46 PM
835	Do what needs to be done to keep kids inside the main building. No portables. Reopen previously closed locations.	11/21/2018 2:39 PM
836	When we moved from Ontario last year, our daughter who was entering grade 2 and had been in French immersion, did not have a EFI place at our catchment school here in Victoria. We decided to put her in English in order to avoid going to a school that was far from home. This was quite disappointing for us. I was shocked that she would not have a place in our catchment school.	11/21/2018 2:29 PM
837	Please add a mechanism for students to be considered for transfer to another catchment based on unofficial program of choice. Every high school clearly has areas of expertise/excellence that are not officially recognized, and it is a disservice for students that are gifted in those areas to not be allowed to transfer to a school that can develop them to their fullest potential. For a move application, either the source or target school could confirm that the student shows promise in the given area (or that the target school provides better development for that area for gifted students).	11/21/2018 1:58 PM
838	Attending schools close to home is so important. I do support what the school district has done so far, as I think it "encourages" people to stay in their neighbourhood, get involved in their local school when possible, encourage "neighbourhood/school" friendships and more.	11/21/2018 1:55 PM
839	perhaps giving people a choice of 2 or 3 schools close to them so they are not limited to one catchment school, rather they can select the school that works for them based on what they are looking for (proximity, program offered, accessability, etc)	11/21/2018 1:39 PM
840	Regarding the questions about selection of residences (13 and 14), it's important to consider that residences cannot be chosen completely freely in Victoria, as availability is firmly tied into the real estate market, and socio-economic status. People cannot easily move to accommodate needs for their catchment boundaries.	11/21/2018 1:24 PM
841	As my kids progress to middle and high school I will care much less about catchment schools and more about what the school can offer my kids. If our middle and high catchment schools are bad ones, we will not go there.	11/21/2018 1:23 PM
842	Every family has their story. In fact I take exception to FI being called a Program of Choice as we are a bilingual country. However in terms of catchment you need to closely examine parity, the have's and have not's and either the perception or reality of a 'better' school. Frankly it's a huge burden to move in this housing market for school catchment. My child ought to be able to attend Middle school with his schoolmates (as it was only 2 years ago). I'm on PAC now and will do so again, ideally at the school which fits for us, not legislated.	11/21/2018 1:18 PM
843	See above.	11/21/2018 1:16 PM
844	I want consideration of crossing major roads to be a consideration in the catchment. We currently have to cross 3 arterial roads to get our children to school. It is not safe or comfortable. I want the school district to build more neighbourhood schools so all children can have the opportunity to walk or bike to school.	11/21/2018 1:08 PM
845	I would like the Beechwood Ave/Hollywood Crescent area to remain in the Oak Bay Secondary catchment.	11/21/2018 1:06 PM
846	When families abandon their local schools because of perceived inadequacies, the school is bound to become inadequate because of reduced enrollment/funding. Students should have to attend their catchment school.	11/21/2018 1:01 PM
847	Consider opening schools that have been leased by school board to ease District 61 school placement concerns (particularly around the university)	11/21/2018 12:50 PM
848	No	11/21/2018 12:48 PM

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849	I appreciate the effort to understand the needs of the population. I wonder if the school's other common amenities have been taken into consideration? It would be ideal to have some good visual data on the occupants experiences so that there is good understanding of when/if student population size has any significant impact on those as well.	11/21/2018 12:41 PM
850	Hope reopening Richmond or Uplands (or both!) is on the table	11/21/2018 12:37 PM
851	Just want to re-emphasize my answer to question 24	11/21/2018 12:37 PM
852	Cedar hill has to many schools going to it after elementary need to split up catchments around that area and lake hill , lake hill should have option of royal oak too after.	11/21/2018 12:34 PM
853	Expanding elementary schools such as Lake Hill to include Grade 6 would ease enrollment numbers at the middle schools in the catchment.	11/21/2018 12:25 PM
854	Would students already in a specific track have to change and leave their friends or would they be able to continue on in their current catchment?	11/21/2018 12:17 PM
855	I believe that anyone living within their catchment should be able to attend their designated school. If they are not in their catchment, they should submit an application as to why they should attend schools outside their own catchment and priority should be placed on special programs needed, seniority (if the student has been going there for a number of years and moved), etc.	11/21/2018 12:17 PM
856	Dddddddddddd Ffff Fffff Fffff	11/21/2018 12:03 PM
857	NA	11/21/2018 11:22 AM
858	Resolve the discrepancy in programs and perceived quality of education and catchment boundaries will become less of an issue.	11/21/2018 11:20 AM
859	Child be able to go to a school with friends they have known since elementary school	11/21/2018 11:17 AM
860	Yes- fixed borders are a draconian solution. It might be better to have 'factors' which influence which school a child attends, and gives parents a chance to express an opinion. So, one might consider distance to school, preference for French Immersion or other programs, or attendance at a traditional school equally.	11/21/2018 11:15 AM
861	I appreciate the complexity of this planning and the consultation process, thank you.	11/21/2018 11:09 AM
862	The Challenge Program is an important for the region, not just SD61. It meets the educational and social needs for a group of vulnerable Special Needs students whose needs are often misunderstood. Please protect this valuable program. It saves lives.	11/21/2018 10:57 AM
863	Please ensure that younger siblings who might be forced into different catchments and streams are "grandfathered" into current boundaries to avoid hardship to families. Separate schools for families would be unmanageable, and expecting children already established in a school and its culture or self described "family" must not be moved as the result of district changes.	11/21/2018 10:57 AM
864	people who choose to live far away should cover the burden, promote proximity!	11/21/2018 10:53 AM
865	It is important that students have a choice of schools to attend. It's very vital to student well being and community engagement that students can follow their current school "pathway". Changing catchment boundaries impacts students pathways - and can be traumatic to students as they transition to a new schools. Ideally current students should be grandfathered to have the pathway school of their choice. We should not disrupt students pathways and planned schools.	11/21/2018 10:48 AM
866	We should be able to attend school of our choice regardless of catchment boundaries if it is where our children are most comfortable, where their social networks are and where we have reliable after & before school family caregivers.	11/21/2018 10:42 AM
867	No	11/21/2018 10:36 AM
868	I like the idea of looking at changing borders so that overcrowding at certain schools can be reduced. I feel that parents should still be able to have a choice for the school that their child attends, whether or not it is in the catchment area of their home through a school transfer process. I like the idea of re-opening closed schools to use in certain areas to help reduce crowding at other schools, perhaps using a process similar to the introduction of French Immersion at George Jay where the program started with only kindergarten students and expanded with each year of the program (kindergarten year 1, k and gr. 1 the second year, etc...) I think that a boundary review is very timely and needs to be done for all levels of school.	11/21/2018 10:32 AM

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869	Questions 13 in this survey is unclear. Are you asking me if I chose my current residence because of the catchment boundary? I don't understand what it meant by "influenced by catchment boundary". Influenced in what way?	11/21/2018 10:19 AM
870	this survey did not provide enough background information thus I am not sure my answers are adequate. I would like to see a public consultation meeting and an opportunity for the public to express and feel heard regarding our opinions prior to any decision making	11/21/2018 10:17 AM
871	Some school boundaries don't make a lot of sense. I think looking at a circumference around the schools would help. Also, consider areas that tend to use private schools eg) uplands/oak Bay use of GNS.	11/21/2018 10:16 AM
872	We need bigger schools, more teachers and smaller class size	11/21/2018 10:01 AM
873	Outrage that once again the same group of students adversely affected by previous enrollment priority changes face uncertainty and possible deep disappointment and damaging dislocation by being uprooted from an expectation of a future school. Our closest high school is 10 minutes walk away. Any other high school is further and more complicated to access. Changing catchments would be deeply damaging to our family. 100% against this!	11/21/2018 9:58 AM
874	As noted earlier there must be consideration for the unequal distribution of English only and French immersion schools. The catchment French school for my home is twice as far from my home than the nearest French immersion school.	11/21/2018 9:51 AM
875	such a shame that schools in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the city of Victoria-- Hillside-Quadra and Blanshard--were closed. This decision is extremely regrettable in light of the shifting demographics and was entirely predictable. In the meantime, particularly with the demise of Blanshard Elementary, the heart was ripped out of a community. My only hope would be that these mistakes are not repeated when the catchment boundaries are redrawn.	11/21/2018 9:38 AM
876	The region has been irresponsible in dealing with this issue. As usual it is retroactive rather than proactive. Knowing that the region has seen a huge influx of people over the past decade, it seems these issue of catchment and allocation of resources should have been tackled a long time ago. Due to lack of planning by the region both my sons are getting a less than acceptable level of education and access to programs. Victoria will not be contributing to a successful and up to date workforce in 10-15 years if it continues like this. My kids are getting a 100 year old education while others in the region are not.	11/21/2018 9:38 AM
877	It can be so discouraging to children and keep them from finding active healthy pursuits when catchment is not intentionally and strategically considered.	11/21/2018 9:37 AM
878	We recently relocated specifically so that we would be in this catchment when my child starts kindergarten. A shift in borders that changed our catchment would be devastating for our family.	11/21/2018 9:35 AM
879	nay	11/21/2018 9:32 AM
880	I am concerned about how this will affect my daughter going into high school, as we again face the problem that the closest high school to us in not in our catchment.	11/21/2018 9:30 AM
881	I would like to see students who are currently out o catchment continue to attend the school they are in	11/21/2018 9:27 AM
882	I am happy it is being reviewed	11/21/2018 9:26 AM
883	Craigflower Elementary is a great school with amazing staff which is being underutilized by those in catchment. It seems like a segregated school which is shameful. Dozens of parents attend Strong Start Programs there and then send kids to Marigold because they don't want their child to be the odd one out. How about starting French Immersion at Craigflower? The demand is there. All that is needed is one group of dedicated parents to send their kids. Invest in more programs there so parents feel pulled to send their kids there.	11/21/2018 9:24 AM
884	Fairness to all families	11/21/2018 9:22 AM
885	No	11/21/2018 9:18 AM
886	Thank you for soliciting feedback!	11/21/2018 9:15 AM
887	Canada is a bilingual country and French language immersion should be an option for all students. Ideally, I would like to see all schools have a FI stream or at least more of them.	11/21/2018 9:15 AM
888	The boundaries should not be next to the school.	11/21/2018 9:08 AM

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889	I think proximity and what is reasonable for a child to be able to get to school needs to be taken into consideration. Also, a review of the distances/areas to be eligible for the school bus. I think it's ridiculous that my child is expected to walk a distance that most adults would find challenging to walk but still doesn't qualify for the school bus.	11/21/2018 8:49 AM
890	none	11/21/2018 8:36 AM
891	No	11/21/2018 8:29 AM
892	Elementary Students should not have to cross the Pat Bay Highway to attend their catchment school. That is not a personal priority to me as we are not in that situation, but it makes logical sense to use main arteries as natural boundaries.	11/21/2018 8:19 AM
893	The children on one side of our street (Belmont Ave) are in a different catchment from the children on the other side of the street. This means that the numerous children on our block are split between two schools, preventing them from walking to school together, preventing parents from easily picking up each other's children on request, splitting friends up for the day, etc., etc. We believe the catchment border should be moved to include an entire street, not split across the street.	11/21/2018 8:14 AM
894	No boundaries just plan better	11/21/2018 8:09 AM
895	Populations regularly change - use of portables is a completely acceptable way to deal with fluctuating level. You can add them or take them away as needed. This allows children to attend schools in their neighbourhood rather than have to travel all over the city. It also prevent copious amount of money building schools which in have medium to high enrolment now but low enrolment in the future	11/21/2018 8:04 AM
896	We live in the Thetis Vale neighbourhood, which is growing bigger each year. Most of us would prefer that Eagle View be our catchment school, rather than View Royal.	11/21/2018 7:57 AM
897	All elementary schools should have French Immersion.	11/21/2018 7:45 AM
898	I am assuming that students already at a school will be allowed to stay at the school, despite changes to the catchment boundary and/or if the family moves into another catchment district. I would put priority on the continuity of learning and relationships.	11/21/2018 7:41 AM
899	I think French immersion is ghettoizing our English programs. I feel French immersion should be a school of choice - to travel for. That way the english programs can thrive and parents who now feel the pressure to chose French, primarily as a method to ensure their child's peer group has involved parents, wouldn't be necessary. I feel French immersion in schools is just a way to stream kids, making those who choose English subject to more difficult class configurations as students with special needs and behaviour challenges won't be attending French. Have parents choose French for the sake of French, not because they want to select a peer group.	11/21/2018 7:37 AM
900	Would prefer French Immersion at Monterey Middle School for safety of commute for our kids that walk/bike to school every day.	11/21/2018 7:17 AM
901	Thank you for asking us our opinions!	11/21/2018 7:12 AM
902	Please consider proximity to schools and ability for parents/kids to cycle/walk to their closest (geographic) school.	11/21/2018 7:09 AM
903	Kids shouldn't have to worry about not being able to go to the school down the street and then have to take multiple busses to get to "their" school.	11/21/2018 7:03 AM
904	no	11/21/2018 6:30 AM
905	It needs to happen	11/21/2018 6:15 AM
906	I'd love Esquimalt or Tillicum.	11/21/2018 12:58 AM
907	If kids switch schools and are out of catchment they should not have to sit out of their chosen sport for a year. Just allow them to play	11/21/2018 12:52 AM
908	No thank you.	11/21/2018 12:15 AM
909	I really think the schools need to reopen closed down schools or look towards the mainland for ideas. Most of canada does K-7 and 8-12 for a reason.	11/20/2018 11:06 PM
910	No	11/20/2018 11:04 PM

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911	I believe it is important for a child to be able to follow the stream they're in, to stay with friends. As I said earlier, friends are extremely important to children.	11/20/2018 10:53 PM
912	It would be nice to have better access to programs of choice.	11/20/2018 10:39 PM
913	I don't think so.	11/20/2018 10:30 PM
914	Would this change affect children who are not attending their catchment school because of french immersion or sports.	11/20/2018 10:30 PM
915	Consider re-opening closed schools. Consider looking at poorer performing schools (like on the Fraser institute review) and improving them so people want to stay in catchment. Consider more permanent solutions than portables.	11/20/2018 10:11 PM
916	stop the traffic - keep neighborhood kids safe the child will benefit from quieter safer roads the roads are becoming insane with traffic	11/20/2018 10:03 PM
917	It won't impact my family, but having siblings going to two different schools because of catchment changes would significantly increase the stress on those families involved, and may increase the demand for Out of School Care services.	11/20/2018 10:02 PM
918	We invest in our communities. We choose where to live based on the amenities. It's not correct that someone outside the catchment would be able to bump a student out of the school because they work closer or they want what that school offers.	11/20/2018 10:01 PM
919	Crossing 2 main arteries of the city as we currently do needs to be changed so there are safer walking routes.	11/20/2018 9:54 PM
920	With environmental concerns and concerns with children not being connected to nature and the deficits that has on both the individual and society I strongly believe in children being able to walk to school.	11/20/2018 9:52 PM
921	If French enrolment is the issue, add more schools w. French. No school needs to be over 60% french,	11/20/2018 9:45 PM
922	Thank you for collecting our input.	11/20/2018 9:42 PM
923	I think the most important thing is to build healthy communities. Having kids walk to school and know kids in the neighbourhood is so important	11/20/2018 9:37 PM
924	people should see a second survey with rationale behind any proposed boundary amendments and have opportunity to review and comment. survey was too abstract	11/20/2018 9:27 PM
925	It is important that families/siblings have ability to support one another by having them at the same school. Specialty programs should be available to all students in the district. Schools should not be accepting students outside of catchments if they simply dislike the demographic of their catchment school. Ideally all students should be inside a building and portables should only be used for schools with specialty programs. Portables are not an ideal learning environment.	11/20/2018 9:25 PM
926	The District should reopen closed schools to enable more students to attend local schools.	11/20/2018 9:17 PM
927	I hope this allows more children to be registered in the programs they want e.g. French Immersion, close to home and with siblings if applicable.	11/20/2018 9:16 PM
928	how do you verify residence in catchment? many cheat the system and there seems to be no SD61 effort to enforce catchment rules	11/20/2018 9:11 PM
929	The lottery system for French Immersion is not a good idea and this needs to change.	11/20/2018 9:03 PM
930	It seems to me that it is not just catchment boundaries but the whole school pathway that could change for many families, something I would not be happy about at all. If such a disruption occurs, I hope the school district will provide AMPLE support in the form of extra tours and visits and ways to help our kids through a major transition.	11/20/2018 9:03 PM
931	As a community, city, and society, we really need to prioritize healthier living -- that means ensuring our children can WALK to school safely (or bike when older). That should be one of the biggest priorities so that our children will have a healthy world to inherit.	11/20/2018 8:55 PM
932	Transportation should be available. Driving kids to school is very hard if not impossible for parents who work.	11/20/2018 8:55 PM
933	Siblings should take priority and follow the same path their older siblings did	11/20/2018 8:50 PM

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934	I believe that we should be allowed the choice to pick the school and have siblings priority and not be restricted by the choice of housing which is an increasingly challenge nowadays. Why would some rich kids have more opportunities than Middle class kids just because they are captured by a geographic artificial delineation?	11/20/2018 8:49 PM
935	While I think that this is an important conversation to have, I also think that if schools find themselves handling too many children, they need to expand their footprint, adding additional wings or floors to buildings.	11/20/2018 8:48 PM
936	Catchment review makes sense but feeder school approach is also important for providing children with stability as they move through schools.	11/20/2018 8:48 PM
937	At George Jay, they decided to keep the Parent Room rather than the Maker Space room for a new classroom. I believe that the school's priority should be the children, who enjoy the Maker Space room a lot more than the Parent Room. If parents want to socialize, they can do it at other venues. I understand that George Jay used to be the "inner city" school where community was a very important part of the school. However, if a Parent Room is so important, I prefer placing it in a portable rather than a school room.	11/20/2018 8:48 PM
938	Reinstate the wait lists for the elementary schools of choice.	11/20/2018 8:46 PM
939	1. Glanford Middle school (out of catchment) is closest to home by distance (2.5km) in SD61 (which we attend). 2. Cedar Hill Middle school is our catchment school - 4.5km from home, too far away. 3. Royal Oak Middle school is closest to home (1.7km) and easiest to get to on public transit and is in SD63. 4. Reynolds High School in SD61 is closest to home (2.5km) and easiest to get to and from on public transit. 5. Use main roadways as boundaries. The current Cedar Hill Middle school catchment area is way off.	11/20/2018 8:43 PM
940	If catchment boundaries change, would our child (in high school) possibly be required to change schools before graduation? This would be a significant disappointment, if so. I would hope students currently enrolled in an elementary/middle/high school could remain in place until graduating to the next education stage.	11/20/2018 8:23 PM
941	If school spaces are limited due to maximum enrolment, programs of choice and international student programs should potentially be moved to schools which may have more space. Any future new school construction will hopefully be better planned to accommodate larger student populations.	11/20/2018 8:18 PM
942	No	11/20/2018 8:11 PM
943	Perhaps the delineations can be +/- a street or two? We are right on the edge of a boundary and it feels a bit arbitrary that road "X" that we live less than a minute walk from changes everything.	11/20/2018 8:09 PM
944	As the parents of a kindergarten student, attending the neighbourhood school (with French) has been wonderful - seeing neighbours, neighbours's kids, neighbours as teachers etc. We would be quite upset if this changed!	11/20/2018 8:07 PM
945	I live in Esquimalt and can see we are an affordable and quickly growing community. Condo development will increase the number of children and families in our community. Macauley elementary is overcrowded as is. I am hoping that the school district is examining ways to accommodate the quickly growing population of children in our community. Furthermore heavy traffic flow in and out of Esquimalt during peak traffic times will make it difficult for families to travel significant distance to a different area.	11/20/2018 8:05 PM
946	Can we support discounts / free use of transit for school aged kids due to absence of busing service	11/20/2018 8:01 PM



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947	<p>Specialty programs are not the only attraction to a school. It's the breadth of course offerings- that may be advertised at February registration but not materialize in a kids timetable. Or the extra curriculars that inspire a child to be involved and dedicated to their high school experience. My kid wanted to attend Oak Bay because of offering honours courses in grade 9 (for math and since) and running cross country. The honours courses offered upon registration at Vic High never materialized in her timetable. She knew she was very strong in math and disappointed. I think that the principal event looked to put her in a math 10 class but it was full. Her calls to talk to a counselor in August about switching courses to up the challenge in her load went unanswered so she switched back to Brodeur. Eventually the counsellor responsible for the W's called back in October which was too late to move classes let alone schools. In Fairfield we pay hug dollars of taxes and a chunk goes to SD61. DO you feel there is parity between your schools like Vic High and Oak Bay? I tried to get a class of grade 8's from Central to go to Vic High in 2008. 10 years ago the teachers said that was ill-advised and the congenial group from Central were scattered between Reynolds, Esquimalt Oak Bay and lastly Vic High. All that time wasted in that collective commuting is mind blowing and not exactly a good carbon neutral policy. Schools of choice has produced inequity among schools what can you do for those school who suffered being ghettoized? I cant say as a tax payer that I am not affronted how the school board limits access to tax payer children when "full schools" play host to fee paying temporary foreign students. How is this different from the arguments we put forth against fee for service in the medical system? Are Fairfield tax dollars worth less than over seas parents' cheque? Gosh after volunteering in the school system for year and in my community, find it a bit sad that money trumps community. Exchange students can offer such valuable opportunities for cross cultural learning but I fear that is not the point of inclusion into our local education system but rather maximized profits with little consideration to the impact on local families school choice and community. Your survey question 8 ignores families who may be in the francophone system.</p>	11/20/2018 7:56 PM
948	It would be nice to have multiple choices of schools for my child .	11/20/2018 7:49 PM
949	Sports programs and French Immersion need to be a priority too.	11/20/2018 7:48 PM
950	Please don't let people protect their privilege. Make the best decision for learning and not for reducing the pain you have to put up with from parents who believe their children deserve more than those of others.	11/20/2018 7:45 PM
951	Make private schools illegal.	11/20/2018 7:43 PM
952	You've completely missed asking anything about parents of special needs children. Almost all the parents I know of special needs children choose their schools individually, rather than by catchment.	11/20/2018 7:36 PM
953	High school students should always be allowed to choose what Secondary school they want to attend if planning to enroll in Programs of Choice.	11/20/2018 7:36 PM
954	We made a choice to buy our home based on catchment. This is the biggest purchase we will ever make. Catchment matters to people.	11/20/2018 7:33 PM
955	None of it matters if my kids hate the teachers they have. Engaging, qualified, experienced educators should be preferred hires over TOCs who "have put in time in the district"	11/20/2018 7:22 PM
956	I find the use of old our dated portables disgusting. They are unhealthy for our children. They are filthy and rotten and yet we expect children to work in them all day when not one of our district upper level management would ever let their work environment be dirty and wet and moldy. Schools need to be bigger and reopened to get our children out of these portables.	11/20/2018 7:18 PM
957	offer more French immersion that also provides better child care option that open early and closes at 5:30 or later. revisit the catchments boundaries. also consider where he parents work location as part of the catchment area	11/20/2018 7:15 PM
958	I preferred when there were no catchment boundaries. I teach at a high school out of my catchment and want my children to go there for high school. Will have to apply for a transfer and hope they get in.	11/20/2018 7:10 PM
959	I sincerely hope this review is taking into consideration schools that could be reclaimed by SD61 such as Lampson Street School. If this was used and some Macaulay population was transferred it would ease the burden. Lampson has also been seismically upgraded and Macaulay has not. Kid safety should play a part here. Yes, I know Lampson is being leased to Victor Brodeur but for how long? Change the contract to end sooner. SD61 is to be protecting our students, they can search for a new location. It makes no sense to lease out SD61's extra space when it's clearly needed by the entire district. I'm sure financially it's better but at a cost of kids being crowded at Macaulay.	11/20/2018 6:58 PM

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960	There should be flexibility for people living on the boundaries. It is severe that one side of the street be allocated to one school and the other to another school.	11/20/2018 6:51 PM
961	I understand that the school district needs to address growing numbers of students. I feel that if children attend their catchment school, over time there would be more balance in schools. Currently our school has many older children who attend who aren't in catchment who also have siblings who aren't in catchment but were able to get into the school before the strict catchment rules were adopted.	11/20/2018 6:51 PM
962	Thetis Vale parents have been very patient. Please hurry up the review so that our catchment area can be fixed.	11/20/2018 6:34 PM
963	No	11/20/2018 6:23 PM
964	No	11/20/2018 6:14 PM
965	Consideration should be given to re-opening closed schools before the change in 2020 as this would affect the boundaries.	11/20/2018 6:03 PM
966	My child should be able to attend any school they wish	11/20/2018 5:59 PM
967	Lampson st school to be used for school district 61 again.	11/20/2018 5:51 PM
968	As noted above, I object to the characterization of French Immersion as a 'program of choice'. It is the regular curriculum, taught in French, in a bilingual country. It should be accessible to as many children as possible, not solely those whose parents can afford to drive them to school across town. I think the way the survey has asked questions including French Immersion in programs of choice is going to result in far less meaningful information than it could have. I also found the questions about portables confusing.	11/20/2018 5:45 PM
969	I'm unimpressed by the way questions are written in this survey	11/20/2018 5:42 PM
970	keeping family together is primary importance	11/20/2018 5:25 PM
971	no	11/20/2018 5:19 PM
972	No	11/20/2018 5:01 PM
973	Thanks for asking!	11/20/2018 4:56 PM
974	Nope	11/20/2018 4:54 PM
975	we bought our house due to it's proximity to the high school...if boundaries are changed, start with elementary schools, do NOT disrupt the paths and plans of high school students	11/20/2018 4:51 PM
976	nope	11/20/2018 4:50 PM
977	I think clarity and logic are paramount. Given where I live and access to programs, where does it make most sense for my kids to go to school. How do we stay on top of demographic changes-- one of the pluses of public schools is the mix of people (socio-economic and racial/ethnic and other kinds of diversity). I hope we don't lose that in any changes.	11/20/2018 4:26 PM
978	Proximity of residence to school is the upmost important point in this review; we should not be encouraging students to leave their greater "neighbourhood" by driving or having a lengthy bus ride. On another note, given that Monterey Middle is in proximity of French immersion elementary and high schools (Willows/EMJS and Oak Bay High), it seems logical to convert it to a dual track school, such that students in French will not be deterred by the commute in middle school to either Central or Lansdowne.	11/20/2018 4:24 PM
979	We are happy with the Victoria school district after moving from Vancouver	11/20/2018 4:15 PM
980	The most desirable schools are in the most gentrified neighbourhoods. Let's not be coy about this; money=entitlement=my kids go to the best schools with the most diverse options and french immersion	11/20/2018 4:09 PM
981	Due to the very poor road system in Victoria it is advantageous to have a K-5 child in a school near a parent's work. Otherwise a parent could be stuck in Colwood Crawl while the child is waiting for pickup.	11/20/2018 4:08 PM
982	The impact of International student enrolment on our schools being over capacity	11/20/2018 4:08 PM

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983	Again, I reiterate that my younger kids not being able to stream until the same middle school as their friends of 6 years is very distressing for them. I think if you are already at a school that streams into another school, you should have the option of streaming into that school even if it is out of your catchment.	11/20/2018 4:04 PM
984	Redrawing lines should also ensure that a street is not split down the middle (even vs odd). This creates a divide with direct neighbours. The lines could be drawn more appropriately between streets.	11/20/2018 3:49 PM
985	I don't think there should be special programs - all schools should be as equal as possible, in the center of their respective catchment areas to eliminate the need or desire for transfers and hopefully make it a bit easier to predict enrollment.	11/20/2018 3:44 PM
986	These questions were hard to answer because they change as the age of my kids age. Also catchment issue become less of a problem if schools appear more equal. Some schools appear to have more funding/programs/nicer exteriors and therefore are more appealing to parents.	11/20/2018 3:43 PM
987	Monterrey Middle School should offer French Immersion - both its feeder schools are French Immersion.	11/20/2018 3:42 PM
988	Distance from our house 3402 Henderson Road, North Oak Bay is 1.3 km from our house to Lansdowne Middle School vs. 2.8 km to Arbutus Middle School yet Arbutus is our catchment. We moved to this area before catchment rules changed. We would like to see catchment priorities change to include students who have started at Willows who are closer to Lansdowne be able to continue with their cohort.	11/20/2018 3:39 PM
989	no	11/20/2018 3:30 PM
990	Consider opening up closed schools to accommodate the increasing numbers of students	11/20/2018 3:25 PM
991	I was trying to enroll my child in a middle school in our catchment and we had to wait until someone left until she could start. She was out of school for a few weeks and I was shocked we had to wait around before she was able to start. In our own catchment! We were also shoved off to another school way across town that would have been really difficult for her to get to considering where we live. The middle school we were waiting to get into was very supportive while we were in this situation and it all worked out but it was sad my daughter had no where to go for a few weeks.	11/20/2018 3:14 PM
992	The issue of fixing/modernizing/enhancing current physical structure is important and such building upgrades would resolve much of stress on portables and the catchment issue.	11/20/2018 3:13 PM
993	Is the District looking at re-opening Richmond or Uplands? It would seem to me that this would resolve the situation at the Elementary level.	11/20/2018 3:11 PM
994	I think it is important to keep siblings together in the same school, even if one student is in catchment (due to a different parent) and the other student is considered out of catchment	11/20/2018 3:09 PM
995	Don't change OBH catchment boundary	11/20/2018 2:52 PM
996	As more people are choosing to have children attend further away in order to access programs/care/bus routes, the municipality is not keeping up -- we have hundreds of students walking to Marigold Elementary from our area, but there is no proper sidewalk up Grange Road. The traffic on Burnside Road is increased by people avoiding traffic jams at certain hours -- 4 way stops at Grange and (3 way) at Marigold and Wilkenson would decrease the attractiveness of this for commuters and keep the road for those dropping off students.	11/20/2018 2:48 PM
997	It is difficult to provide feedback without seeing the proposed changes.. is that coming next on the survey?	11/20/2018 2:46 PM
998	No thanks	11/20/2018 2:43 PM
999	I believe parents should have choice. It has helped children and youth thrive in the environment /school that works for them	11/20/2018 2:42 PM
1000	Let the kids go where they want to attend, schools that have golf, lacrosse, soccer or hockey academies let them keep their programs	11/20/2018 2:40 PM
1001	nothing	11/20/2018 2:36 PM

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1002	My children were enrolled in an out of catchment elementary school before there were issues with catchment. Prior to enrolling them in out of catchment, I did a lot of research including speaking to staff at the School Board office. I was assured that once a child enters an out of catchment school, they would follow the stream and we would not need to re-apply for middle and high school. That information was taken into consideration when first enrolling my children in an out of catchment school. My children have now developed friendships and are feeling secure in their setting. Catchment rules have recently changed and it was disheartening to learn that those already in out of catchment were not grandfathered in. We applied for grade 6 out of catchment so my children could remain comfortable and confident staying with their existing friend base. The uncertainty caused my children stress, anxiety, and worry. We were lucky they were able to remain in the same stream as their friend base, however it was a frustrating experience that had previously been assured by the School Board that we would never have to go through.	11/20/2018 2:30 PM
1003	Please take into consideration siblings.	11/20/2018 2:22 PM
1004	I dont know yet	11/20/2018 2:14 PM
1005	I know it's complicated and messy, best of luck!	11/20/2018 2:12 PM
1006	I hate the idea of parents driving all over the city to get their kids in certain schools. Give more schools more opportunities or maybe have buses from elementary schools to some of the special program high schools.	11/20/2018 2:10 PM
1007	Provide the ability for students in french immersion to continue on to middle and high schools in adjacent catchments, not just a single choice of school. Sometimes the catchment school does not make sense for transportation reasons, etc.	11/20/2018 2:09 PM
1008	Families have planned based on the structures we entered into with regard to education options. Changing the rules mid way through are unfair and I would go so far as to question their constitutional legitimacy. Choices made with regard to affordability and housing in Victoria were made by my family 8 years ago because our children could go to the schools we wanted them too. No home within the catchment has been on the market for less than \$700,000 and very few at that price. Moving into catchment is not an option I. The current market. Please do not make it any harder than it is to raise a family in Victoria. Leave kids within any given pathway the opportunity to complete their education on the pathway they expect from K through 12	11/20/2018 2:03 PM
1009	Ease of access to public transit is key for middle school and up. In our area (Vic West) public transit to our catchment school means that the school is less accessible than a non-catchment school.	11/20/2018 2:02 PM
1010	keep siblings together!!!	11/20/2018 2:02 PM
1011	Allow for some fluidness to the process, so many variables for families, housing costs and kids in our tiny city.	11/20/2018 2:02 PM
1012	It would be nice to see some of the behaviour programs reinstated as currently with the smaller class sizes there is less support for kids who need it for their behavior and the teachers are left to manage kids and not teach as much as needed	11/20/2018 1:58 PM
1013	Our closest SD61 school is the Sundance facility, which is currently leased to the Consil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique. The lease is set to expire September 2020. In light of the increased demand for enrolment space, I hope the school district will seriously consider bringing this, and other applicable facilities, back into use as an SD61 school. My son's class is currently being housed in a VERY small music room while awaiting portable construction. I find it difficult to comprehend that SD61 is building portables and under-housing it's student population, even on a temporary basis, while not fully utilizing their existing facilities.	11/20/2018 1:55 PM
1014	Please consider that some French Immersion catchments do not promote easy elementary-age transit compared to commuting to neighbouring catchments. For instance, commuting to Doncaster is easier from most of Gordon Head than commuting to Campus View because it is on the way to downtown workplaces and services whereas Campus View requires essentially going in the opposite direction. Further, there is little likelihood that our children will ever ride their bicycles or walk to school (assuming we can even get our youngest into French Immersion) because traffic around Campus View is terrible when university students are in session. This isn't some egregious hyperbole, by the way. The commute from Mount Doug park to Campus View is downright harrowing if you assume the perspective of a child.	11/20/2018 1:49 PM
1015	If changes are implemented they should not be retroactive. It is OK to change catchment boundaries but it is not OK to move kids around once they are in a School	11/20/2018 1:47 PM

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1016	The school board should be looking into opening some of the closed schools. School sizes are way too big and it is overwhelming for many kids. Portables are not solutions.	11/20/2018 1:47 PM
1017	no	11/20/2018 1:46 PM
1018	times are changing and access to education should follow suit, thus changing to the children's needs and passions	11/20/2018 1:45 PM
1019	You need to reopen closed schools.	11/20/2018 1:42 PM
1020	The vast majority of parents do not agree with foreign exchange students taking spots of Canadian born children. I too feel that this is wrong on many levels. I would like to see a dramatic shift in policy regarding this issue. I've been fortunate and my children have been able to attend the school they want however, if they could not because foreign exchange students were getting preferential treatment or (quota based) my wife and I would be irate. I would certainly consider legal action. The majority clearly feel this is wrong and will require the courage of policy makers to make this wrong right.	11/20/2018 1:41 PM
1021	Please consider seismic safety as part of your review. Also, please consider the tremendous financial impact that boundary changes could have in families who moved in to specific areas to keep their children out of high-risk buildings in an area expected to have a massive and catastrophic earthquake in the near future. All schools are not made equal when you look at them from a safety point of view. You failed to even include seismic upgrading in your survey, which is a significant oversight.	11/20/2018 1:40 PM
1022	Please don't spend years sorting this out - make a plan for 2019-20.	11/20/2018 1:36 PM
1023	Vic high should be build to accommodate a much more significant growth trajectory.	11/20/2018 1:36 PM
1024	I think the review should look at short, long and very long term trends in population to determine the longer term needs	11/20/2018 1:34 PM
1025	On the Borderline of View Royal and Esquimalt my daughter and I had a preference of Spectrum high school over Esquimalt high school	11/20/2018 1:32 PM
1026	Obviously, not every school can offer the same specialty programs as every other school. Academies, or special language programs need to be focussed in particular schools to concentrate the interest. If interest/standards are diluted among schools rather than being concentrated, the programs will die of apathy/lack of interest and fall apart. It makes sense to have different schools specialize in specialty programs.	11/20/2018 1:28 PM
1027	Please consider available public transit routes e.g. there is no direct public transit connection from Oaklands to Oak Bay for example	11/20/2018 1:22 PM
1028	catchment area is most important and portables are a useful way to include neighbourhood children	11/20/2018 1:19 PM
1029	would kids who are almost completing there specific programs be forced to quit. If so would parents be reimbursed monies spent for 4 year programs if not allowed to complete	11/20/2018 1:17 PM
1030	Thanks for asking our opinion	11/20/2018 1:13 PM
1031	Ensure that siblings can attend the same school - full stop.	11/20/2018 1:11 PM
1032	no	11/20/2018 1:08 PM
1033	We're fairly satisfied with the current system so far. Related to catchments and choosing schools, I think the main issue is the lack of similar programs in all schools (esp. advanced programs). In our case, this concerned Strings, Math, French, English, and soccer programs. If more programs were offered at all schools, there'd be much less need to look elsewhere. Related to this, there should also be more funding for home learning options such as The Link, since these can help fill the need for advanced programs where catchment schools don't provide them. But I guess some programs (e.g., CSE) can't feasibly be offered at multiple schools, so of course it's necessary to allow applications to them from out of catchment. Thank you for considering parents' input.	11/20/2018 1:08 PM

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1034	I am still unclear as to what these boundary "shifts" may look like. Are we talking a road or two? Or are we talking complete redesign? It is my understanding that if we (theoretically!) threw every child in the air and landed them back in their catchment schools, there is more than enough room for all of them to attend their catchment school. That said, by September 2020, will the Enrollment Priorities process have managed bulging populations, and if so, what would remaining concerns look like? Where is the majority of the projected growth? Downtown? Elsewhere? Is every neighbourhood affected by the review proposal? If the review does more good than harm for our children and families, I am in support of whatever you do. Good Luck with it all!!	11/20/2018 1:08 PM
1035	Parents arrange their lives to make things work for their kids (including work and sibling daycare locations). Please consider a grandfathering approach if boundaries are changed, including allowing sibling of child already at current catchment school to attend same school.	11/20/2018 1:03 PM
1036	Work within current boundaries to provide flexibility thru' portables or shifting programs of choice.	11/20/2018 12:59 PM
1037	We would like to see the neighbourhood NE of Hillside Mall (bordered by Shelbourne, Lansdowne and Richmond) all be moved to the Oaklands catchment.	11/20/2018 12:58 PM
1038	Lack of affordable housing is a huge concern, which jobs in Victoria, but housing in langford	11/20/2018 12:54 PM
1039	No	11/20/2018 12:53 PM
1040	The area on the West side of the Pat Bay highway around Agnus Street up to Quadra Street should be in the district with Makenzie Elementry and Glanford Middle school. The way the catchment is now the houses directly across the street from Glanford middle school go to a school half way across town instead of across the road. There's an area of about 5 sq km that is on the West side of the highway that should be moved over to the catchment with Glanford Middle School. We live on Broadway Street and the girls go to Rogers Elementry which is OK for now, we can walk across the bridge, but when they go to middle school they should be going to Glanford Middle school which is less than 2km away.	11/20/2018 12:50 PM
1041	Please consider access to French Immersion in schools that allow people to belong to a neighbourhood community.	11/20/2018 12:44 PM
1042	District should have NEVER changed them in the first place, NEVER closed down schools previously. The district is now paying the cost (which are more than they would have been!)	11/20/2018 12:43 PM
1043	I think catchment boundaries should be mandatory until high school.	11/20/2018 12:37 PM
1044	You have a difficult transition to make, so all students go to schools in their catchment. I think the school board owes the existing students and parents the right for them to continue their education in programs of their choice and with their friends. The days of picking where you live depending on the catchment it is in are long gone. People are choosing where they live based on what is available in the market which they can afford. Renting is even harder than buying a house.	11/20/2018 12:36 PM
1045	No. Thanks for asking!	11/20/2018 12:34 PM
1046	For our family, the long and short is that as it is more important to have senior students hanging more accessibility to their programmes of choice. After all, it could have a significant impact on their future professional and educational choices	11/20/2018 12:33 PM
1047	It would be great if you could offer more enriched programs at all high schools...not just Esquimalt and Reynolds.	11/20/2018 12:32 PM
1048	keep kids as close to home as possible to reduce traffic and pollution. School should be walkable or else safe bike route available (not on busy roads).	11/20/2018 12:32 PM
1049	na	11/20/2018 12:31 PM
1050	We are hoping these concerns we have shared have some impact for the Sept 2019 year, as that will be the year that determines where my son will go. Implementing this in 2020 will not help us whatsoever.	11/20/2018 12:31 PM
1051	Some people years ago chose to buy houses in areas to attend certain schools, it is actually a selling feature of houses.	11/20/2018 12:28 PM
1052	please consider removing middle schools and going back to the two school system used in the 90's. similar amount if kids back then and it worked great. easier to have proximity. smaller better schools.	11/20/2018 12:28 PM
1053	no	11/20/2018 12:18 PM
1054	n/a	11/20/2018 12:16 PM

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1055	students should always have the opportunity to attend the school that is closest to their home. i know students that have to attend a school further away from their house, due to arbitrary catchment line. there should be a "grey zone" for these people, where they have an option to attend the closer school. my other comments related to programs of choice - why are there so few? my catchment high school is oak bay and there is no program of choice. i want my child to attend our local school, but she is being drawn to esquimalt for challenge. i wish there was something to keep her in our neighbourhood, with her friends, etc.	11/20/2018 12:14 PM
1056	N/A	11/20/2018 12:05 PM
1057	If underpopulated schools are given better programming and more flexibility for out of catchment families to attend (similar to how South Park works) then I think it would be very easy to redistribute students from more populated catchments. Transitioning from schools of choice to catchment middle schools is very difficult and I think school of choice programs for middle schools should be more accessible.	11/20/2018 12:04 PM
1058	We are a bilingual country. French Immersion may be technically called a program of choice, but the students in this program should not be treated as second class citizens when it comes to their ability to walk and bike to school. Parents shouldn't have to choose between whether their kids can walk to school or if they want to be in French Immersion.	11/20/2018 12:00 PM
1059	I'm all in favour of opening old schools to help with over crowding schools. My only concern is having a catchment change, making my son go to a school that is farther away then the one he is at now. I say this because we are within 5 houses of the current catchment border. However the other school is a lot farther away and we would not be able to walk there.	11/20/2018 11:59 AM
1060	there is no info given as to how the borders may change - how can we approve a change if no options given?	11/20/2018 11:54 AM
1061	When kids get to middle school and high school age, it becomes stressful when they are unsure of being allowed to attend the school they had planned on/were expecting to attend.	11/20/2018 11:52 AM
1062	Students should be able to attend the school closest to them but still have the option of attending special programs like French Immersion if desired - as is the case today. Catchment kids should not get bumped by out of catchment students though.	11/20/2018 11:49 AM
1063	Yes. We were made to believe life is accommodating with school, but then becoming an adult in obtaining employment, finding a position that may has your skills and rewards with good pay outweighs the proximity of residence. When I became a civil servant I still wanted to live by the ocean, and did not want to live downtown, I preferred trees, trails and nature around me, lifestyle is important to me, and we are disillusioning the youth into believing everything will be perfect when they work, yet that is not true. People choose to live where they do out of necessity particularly families. To have flexibility of choice is a luxury. I don't think there should be a catchment school boundary at all as it feeds into this delusion of lifestyle that doesn't exist. Universities will not reject based on imaginary boundary limits to residential proximity to campus grounds, and employers only care if you are punctual. A perfect world would be the Principal having a big home on the school property along with other teachers, and even exchange students living there on school property, and a school bus going out to collect the kids everyday to take to school, but our government doesn't believe in this system however it exists and our daughter attended SMUS for 5 years and this is what I saw there.	11/20/2018 11:49 AM
1064	I don't know why boundaries have to keep shifting. Because children and families become invested in their school communities, I would encourage a 'grand-fathering' approach. If a child has begun in a certain stream perhaps they are allowed to remain. Only those starting in K or grade 1 should have to start anew with changed boundaries.	11/20/2018 11:41 AM
1065	Why can't we just keep things the way they are?	11/20/2018 11:39 AM
1066	students who are currently attending out of catchment schools should have priority to remaining in their family of schools	11/20/2018 11:37 AM
1067	Keep it simple and easy for parents to understand the rationale behind any change.	11/20/2018 11:36 AM
1068	I understand the need for boundaries, however flexibility should be a priority for the division when dealing with families on a case to case basis.	11/20/2018 11:36 AM
1069	As a 3rd generation naive Victorian with my children the 4th I can say that French has been useless for my family. If someone wants to learn a language you will never use out west than they may have to travel for that. If you pay taxes and live in Saanich than send your child to the closest school	11/20/2018 11:36 AM

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1070	No.	11/20/2018 11:33 AM
1071	I feel that Richmond or Uplands Elementary should re-open.	11/20/2018 11:21 AM
1072	I agree with creating more space for out of catchment kids to attend specialty programs. My son would like to go to Reynolds for their soccer academy and he would be out of catchment. The specialty programs need to be accessible to children who qualify, regardless of their catchment.	11/20/2018 11:17 AM
1073	N/A	11/20/2018 11:17 AM
1074	I would like more flexibility so my children can go to a place that suits them or has a program or teachers that match their needs.	11/20/2018 11:11 AM
1075	allow children within the current boundaries a spot at their catchment school. this should be a basic right to education.	11/20/2018 11:10 AM
1076	There will be benefits & problems with whatever is decided. Families move so much these days, with Victoria being so hard for housing. I think this is going to be really hard on kids - we will see so many kids pulled out of peer supports and starting fresh at those school transition years. With a growing city there may be just no other way. Hopefully we can see that coming & put in supports in schools that will make that less difficult for kids. Good luck!	11/20/2018 11:08 AM
1077	I want to ensure both of our kids can attend schools closest to their home	11/20/2018 11:04 AM
1078	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input!	11/20/2018 10:58 AM
1079	We have not been impacted but I have seen many younger families who now need to drive the kids to school or have put them in private institutions.	11/20/2018 10:58 AM
1080	I believe schools have the potential to strengthen communities and therefore want my children to go to the schools closest to our home. I want their classmates to be our neighbours so we can develop strong connections.	11/20/2018 10:56 AM
1081	For margret Jenkins French middle school to be re-evaluate	11/20/2018 10:55 AM
1082	Thank you for assessing current model	11/20/2018 10:54 AM
1083	I would hope that there would be a grandfather clause for children already enrolled in programs (french immersion, sports academies etc.)	11/20/2018 10:50 AM
1084	All things being equal, every child in a catchment should be able to attend their local school. There should be no need for kids to bus or for parents to drive.	11/20/2018 10:49 AM
1085	No	11/20/2018 10:48 AM
1086	It would have been great if this was addressed before putting the old catchment boundaries back into place last year. I agree that they need to be shifted but doing so after instilling the old boundaries is going to create even more of a shuffle over the next few years.	11/20/2018 10:47 AM
1087	there was so much money put in to OakBAy - it IS a physically beautiful school - which is wonderful. but where is the similar support for other schools ---- for example, those portables in front of Esquimalt are an eyesore	11/20/2018 10:46 AM
1088	As I described previously, my husband and I purchased a house out of catchment when our daughter was in grade 2 for financial reasons. We made this decision based on previous catchment rules that allowed children to stay in their stream remain with their peer group, even if they have moved out of catchment. Our daughter is in elementary school, and we would not have made this decision to move out of catchment and purchase our house had we known that this policy would change. In a year, she will transition to middle school which can be a difficult enough transition for children in itself. She will now experience the additional stress of having to leave the friends/peer group that she has been with since kindergarten during this transition. The current policy re: registering with catchment school only, and not allowing children to remain with their stream, is not child centered in any way. This policy has the significant potential of being detrimental to children's well being and mental health (our daughter already struggles with anxiety issues). Please reconsider the current policy, and allow children who are already registered in a stream/school to remain with their stream as they transition to middle and high school. Allowing children who were already registered within a catchment school when this policy came into effect should be allowed to be grandfathered in.	11/20/2018 10:46 AM
1089	I greatly support adding portables to existing in catchment schools rather than requiring kids to travel out of catchment (French Immersion).	11/20/2018 10:44 AM
1090	I support moves to reduce fraud (eg. Using grandparent's address)	11/20/2018 10:42 AM



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1091	My son is going to high school next year and we are concerned that we will forced to go our catchment where he has zero support. This could mean he refuses to go to school	11/20/2018 10:40 AM
1092	no	11/20/2018 10:35 AM
1093	Anybody forced out of catchment should be compensated. This is a terrible idea. A non-starter. Build proper schools with the correct capacity.	11/20/2018 10:34 AM
1094	I would strongly advise that you beef up the "lower income" neighbourhoods and their schools with more excellent programs of choice. Bring in the best coaches to develop high level sports teams, provide the highest level of academic standards. Provide amazing reasons why families should try to attend the school in their catchment area. Draw them in! Providing low quality options only means in-fighting and competition for the better schools.	11/20/2018 10:33 AM
1095	Hopefully the review is also taking into consideration overall increases to student populations and is one part of increasing the overall availability of space.	11/20/2018 10:32 AM
1096	Catchment boundaries are necessary but should not be hard lines. In fact if student enrollment needs better screening. I know of many cases at our school where parents have used grandparents or other family members in a catchment to falsify registration documents	11/20/2018 10:32 AM
1097	Maybe all school should offer French more than they are now so the french immersion schools do not have such a long wait list. Maybe something less than french immersion but more than the basic. A regular daily class	11/20/2018 10:29 AM
1098	There is only one high school as an option in near Wilkinson and I think there should be two so this would maybe take some load off of the areas that are growing.	11/20/2018 10:28 AM
1099	I think being forced to send your child to the catchment school limits a child's educational opportunities and that providing parents with no options but the catchment school does not provide the flexibility needed by some families.	11/20/2018 10:25 AM
1100	Question 21 is bad. The number one deciding factor is whether a child is going to get a good education. Sorry but not all schools are equal. We moved our son from a school where is class was totally dysfunctional. It had nothing to do with boundaries. Lots of people are enrolling their kids in French to be able to get into better schools. Look at your data on numbers of kids coming from outside of the boundary vs those staying within their boundary. It high lights desireable and undesirable schools. It isn't about boundaries. If you force people to go to their local school you may be forcing someone to put their kids in a bad school. Craigflower is a perfect example. Sorry but I would not send our kids there. In terms of our neighbourhood, the school environment is the number one detractor.	11/20/2018 10:23 AM
1101	If catchment boundaries change and a child is no longer considered in catchment at the current school then they should be guaranteed a place in the new catchment school if they want it. We should try and ensure that current students and their younger siblings remain within one school.	11/20/2018 10:20 AM
1102	As French Immersion is a program in such high demand and the catchment boundaries for schools hosting this program are so large, perhaps consider increasing the number of schools hosting the French Immersion program. The demand for this program is only going to increase. I realize we are limited by the number of qualified available teachers, however, by the time we have reopened schools, this is more than enough time for an individual to complete a teaching degree. Final words: safe routes to school; no more portables; French Immersion in more schools; keep siblings and cohorts together.	11/20/2018 10:16 AM
1103	Please review French Immersion. There is too much. Also, plan for the future. Encourage family housing near schools.	11/20/2018 10:14 AM
1104	I don't see the boundary as an issue. I see transport as an issue as well as the seemingly absent limits on out of catchment enrollment.	11/20/2018 10:13 AM
1105	Would like to see French Immersion offered at Mt. Doug. Would like to see more Challenge program spaces available in French across the district.	11/20/2018 10:13 AM
1106	The population is growing, not just the French immersion students, we'll need portables whether or not you move catchment borders. Please don't make the kids suffer. Kids already have it in their heads what school they're heading to, please don't change that mid stream!!! Thank you.	11/20/2018 10:10 AM
1107	Please consider allowing parents to use work address instead of home. Few of us are home during the day.	11/20/2018 10:09 AM

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1108	I moved to my neighbourhood for the quality of public schools in my neighbourhood. I pay taxes in my catchment area, and believe my child should not be forced out of my catchment area simply because enrollment at schools outside my area is dwindling. I resent the fact that my child was forced to attend a French Immersion middle school outside our neighbourhood and am convinced the level of instruction she received was lower than that of schools in our catchment area.	11/20/2018 10:06 AM
1109	Means of transportation should be considered. I don't have a car so having access to a school close by is important	11/20/2018 10:05 AM
1110	Yes. If children are currently attending a school the family is happy with, and is the closest to home, this situation should be left alone for the rest of the time the child/family wants to attend the school. New rules, if brought in, should apply to children entering school for the first time, or accommodating those with other issues around French immersion or other activities.	11/20/2018 10:05 AM
1111	I think the middle schools should not be tied to elementary schools. The high schools' catchments don't depend on middle school catchments, and I don't think middle schools should depend on elementary catchments.	11/20/2018 10:05 AM
1112	Please consider that a child that is not allowed to attend their first choice school, due to catchment restrictions it can really affect their self confidence, and desire to go to school. Middle school has been very challenging and traumatic for my child due to not being able to go to school with his friends, and being in a school that he does not feel accepted in.	11/20/2018 10:03 AM
1113	If catchment boundaries change, at least current students should be grand-fathered.	11/20/2018 10:02 AM
1114	The entire survey is based on the presumption that parents are able to: a) choose where they live. this is not the case for many b) that families are currently living in their desired neighbourhood. again not the case for many c) that all schools are created equal. not the case in the current model.	11/20/2018 10:02 AM
1115	No	11/20/2018 10:00 AM
1116	Some of the streaming between elementary-middle-secondary doesn't seem to make sense. EMJS students in French stream to central, then to OB...counter to their peer groups. To support consistency in peer groups, could EMJS French students stream to Landsdowne then OB?	11/20/2018 9:57 AM
1117	In general, I support the initiative of updating boundaries to meet the current demographic predictions and needs of the schools.	11/20/2018 9:57 AM
1118	If changes are made, we would ask that our children be grandfathered. That changes only affect the new school admissions.	11/20/2018 9:54 AM
1119	i would like my child to be able to attend a school of choice particularly for high school, as different schools appeal to different interests. we were not able to get into our school of choice for middle school and are attending our catchment school (even though technically our school of choice is actually physically closer). i hope that there is more flexibility at the high school level to attend a school of choice based on interests	11/20/2018 9:53 AM
1120	French immersion should not be treated as a "program of choice" as the no. of students, funding and infrastructure is almost equal to English. Proximity rules should be the same for students in this program.	11/20/2018 9:50 AM
1121	I firmly believe that catchment/proximity to school should be a priority over wanting a special program (sport or language etc...)	11/20/2018 9:46 AM
1122	My daughter who started kindergarden this September at Macaulay was not guaranteed a French space even though her older sibling was already enrolled. This was extremely stressful. Children should be guaranteed a spot that are within catchment. There has to be better planning and forecasting on the increase of students and the school districts should anticipate the need for resources to accommodate those needs.	11/20/2018 9:45 AM
1123	Programs for every school should be the same sports programs, dance programs and music programs. This would alleviate catchment problems as you see it. All schools should be available for all children and it is parent and child choice which school in the district. Instead of our tax dollars going to pay for high end management of schools it should go to these programs and every program, i.e. hockey excellence, soccer excellence, basketball excellence, football excellence, dance excellence, music academy, French emersion, languages, flexibility and challenged should be in every school not just one school in particular.	11/20/2018 9:44 AM

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1124	You need to provide more information about the plan. It's fairly obvious there is a direction here by the questions and I don't like that I don't know where this is going when I answer yes or no to something.	11/20/2018 9:44 AM
1125	Nope. Thanks for all that you do to educate our kids.	11/20/2018 9:38 AM
1126	Choice programs depend on special skills of select teachers. Am wondering how that may impact shifting locations of choice programs.	11/20/2018 9:38 AM
1127	I do support kids going to neighbourhood schools. Maybe allow flexibility for kids that are near boundaries, especially if closer to a non-catchment school. We also need safe routes to school for walking and biking - this is a vital priority.	11/20/2018 9:35 AM
1128	If enrollment is going up then open schools or make them for students in the district. eg uplands elementary, george jay, richmond school.	11/20/2018 9:28 AM
1129	Good luck. Your doing good work.	11/20/2018 9:27 AM
1130	Perhaps some kind of placement of popular programs in 2 catchments instead of such a diverse and difficult spread of programs.	11/20/2018 9:24 AM
1131	nil	11/20/2018 9:23 AM
1132	Seems timely and important to perform this review. Thank you!	11/20/2018 9:22 AM
1133	If we can't get into the school of our choice because we are out of catchment we will move to home schooling. We should not be forced into a school that doesn't fit our child's needs.	11/20/2018 9:13 AM
1134	No	11/20/2018 9:12 AM
1135	How much is all this going to cost the taxpayers? And in the end, what difference will it all make? Sometimes these things seem like busy-making exercises.	11/20/2018 9:11 AM
1136	Out of school care options/spots need to increase.	11/20/2018 9:07 AM
1137	we have always thought we may need to consider private school for middle and high school as we are unsure of our catchment school - it would be nice to be able to select a school in a different catchment area, so we hope this option of applying to other schools continues and or is further developed for earlier enrollment	11/20/2018 9:07 AM
1138	We need more cross guards	11/20/2018 9:06 AM
1139	There is a spelling mistake in question 18.	11/20/2018 8:57 AM
1140	Questions would have more context if proposed new catchment areas also had a map(s). Then the questions could be more focused and process would feel more transparent.	11/20/2018 8:49 AM
1141	What I don't want to see is a catchment child not being able to attend a school 5 minutes from their home, because someone from Langford attends their school. That doesn't seem right.	11/20/2018 8:35 AM
1142	I think French Immersion and English stream catchments should match.	11/20/2018 8:30 AM
1143	I would like to see children still being able to follow their school pathways e.g. if a kid starts in FRIMM at Willows, then follows the pathway to Lansdowne and Oak Bay.	11/20/2018 8:28 AM
1144	I agree with proximity first, sibling second	11/20/2018 8:25 AM
1145	Proximity to schools should be the primary tool used to determine catchments. Once that is done, some distribution of Special Programs, such as sports, and French Immersion, should take place...but kids deserve to be able to go to the school nearest their house. Common sense. Thanks for doing this review!	11/20/2018 8:20 AM
1146	I think we raise healthy and confident kids and safer neighbourhoods when we are walk everyday to our catchment schools.	11/20/2018 8:18 AM
1147	What is this even about??	11/20/2018 8:17 AM
1148	I believe that all children should be able to attend their local catchment school. I have heard stories of siblings unable to attend the same school and they live across the road from their catchment school it is elementary school ( english ) .	11/20/2018 7:54 AM
1149	Increasing density within a city is favourable for all residents, but it comes with the need for schools to grow and adapt as more people move into a catchment area. This should be supported with funding for expanded facilities.	11/20/2018 7:49 AM

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1150	I would love to see resources dedicated to broadening language education and offering languages from early grades (ideally Grade 1). There is lots of demand out there. Our child is on the waitlist for Spanish and will be starting Japanese preschool next september. We are a multicultural nation, and no child should be made to feel her culture is less than others. In addition, by adding resources to French immersion, which effectively segregates schools, we could be offering an early language to all students, including in French as well as other languages, thereby supporting multiculturalism as well as nationalism.	11/20/2018 7:44 AM
1151	Maybe if Crusty Clark had not gone gung-ho and closed many, many schools down during her reign of terror, BC would not be in this situation. While I do not blame school districts for the mess they are in now, I do blame them for trying to limit access to quality education due to lack of planning. I believe Canadian kids should have first access to quality education before anyone else. I also believe that families should have a say where their kids go to school. I know I want the best for my kids, and the best is definitely in sd61. Thank you.	11/20/2018 7:40 AM
1152	Yep - I don't want it influenced by international students. They should be taking spots at the schools who have them after all local people have placements.	11/20/2018 7:24 AM
1153	Currently our catchment area doesn't make sense. We live in the Chilco area of View Royal and we should be at Eagle View, not View Royal. We are much closer to Eagle View and this boundaries need to be changed.	11/20/2018 7:19 AM
1154	No	11/20/2018 7:17 AM
1155	I understand change may need to happen but I feel current families in the catchment should be grandfathered to stay until they are through all grades in their current school.	11/20/2018 7:17 AM
1156	The catchments are not important. Many schools have excellent teachers and programs which allow students to grow while others have "glorified babysitters". Parents want choice and not be forced to send their child to a school they feel does not provide the education their child requires.	11/20/2018 7:07 AM
1157	While I support flexibility in having the ability to choose a school in a different catchment, I believe it should be reserved for secondary students. I think elementary and middle school aged kids should attend a school close to home. I think it helps to forge a sense of community in the school's area. Secondary kids are looking forward to post secondary and so may require special programs.	11/20/2018 7:01 AM
1158	I am frustrated that Marigold is the only French school that serves 8 elementaries in our area. There is an unfair proportion of schools in the Fairfield/ oak bay areas that offer French making transitions to catchment middle schools more realistic and available.	11/20/2018 7:00 AM
1159	We are very fortunate to have excellent schools, it would be great if the special programs for sports, French, and science academies were in all neighbourhoods so we do not create have and have not schools.	11/20/2018 6:59 AM
1160	None	11/20/2018 6:47 AM
1161	No	11/20/2018 6:45 AM
1162	I really hope that my daughters best friend who will be in her kindergarten class and lives on our street will be in the same school as both of my kids. I really hope my daughter doesn't get sent to a new school after spending her baby and toddlerhood at drop off and pick up and getting to know my sons teachers and school. We volunteer for hot lunch and other activities and I would not be able to spread myself to two schools to do the work that I do. I can say the same goes for many parents I know.	11/20/2018 6:06 AM
1163	If an area has high interest due to French Immersion, offer things like this at more schools. If it's popular, meet the demand	11/20/2018 5:37 AM
1164	I believe children who are currently attending a school that is not their catchment should have their entire school pathway grandfathered and not be forced to go to a catchment school at the juncture say between elementary and middle school. Transitioning school levels is hard enough—non catchment kids should not also have to deal with transitioning into a school with no continuity of friends!!!!	11/20/2018 4:49 AM
1165	If changes occur, there should be some flexibility in the initial year or two.	11/20/2018 12:54 AM

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1166	I'd like to know if the review will look at the ratio of out of catchment enrolled in each school. The current enrollment issues can only be viewed with this in mind. The recent enrolment priority review and changes are a great first step but since it was only implemented in 2018 it will take time to accurately reflect enrolment pressure within the catchment. Any realignment of the boundary should reflect catchment demographics not a schools popularity in the region i.e. attracting out of catchment students.	11/20/2018 12:40 AM
1167	I believe that it is more important to put more priority on programing than catchment areas or schools. If a certain programming (eg French imersion) is overly popular then move the program to a different (ie. larger) location. The school is just a building to house learning and should not be the focus of this review.	11/20/2018 12:26 AM
1168	One area that I think warrants some thought would be having a dedicated french immersion school of choice. A number of districts on the island and in the province already have this as an option, to supplement the french immersion offered at dual track school. With french immersion having the highest rate of participation in Victoria, this may be a viable option to help ease the pressures on consistently full dual track catchment schools.	11/20/2018 12:05 AM
1169	I anticipate that EXTREME pressure will be put on the Ministry of Education to fund an increase in resources to accomodate growing class sizes that my not subside any time soon. Long term focus. Not a Band-Aid.	11/19/2018 11:58 PM
1170	Increasing the number of classes at a school (I.e. using portables) increases pressure on shared school resources, such as the library or gym. It would be best to minimize portable use.	11/19/2018 11:56 PM
1171	Allow all kids in a Complex/same address attend same School within walking distance. Also offer school bus services( fees applicable to use)	11/19/2018 11:52 PM
1172	No student should have to spend time in a portable. Knowing parents who send their children to schools in Surrey where they spend years in portables, I think that closed schools should be looked at being reopened, or at least that catchment boundaries should be changed to ensure schools are more evenly distributed according to population.	11/19/2018 11:48 PM
1173	District needs to re-examine the french immersion issues and look at districts such as Sooke with John Stubbs. As a parent who chose to buy in the catchment area of an all english school, I do not want my kids going to a dual track and/ or moving schools.	11/19/2018 11:35 PM
1174	No	11/19/2018 11:21 PM
1175	Is it really a boundary issue or a building and planning one?	11/19/2018 11:16 PM
1176	Boundaries need to be aligned with neighborhood transferring school in terms of distance. Especially coming from elementary to middle school. Promoting neighborhood school need to be a priority. Access to commuting by walking, biking, or public transit should be top of the list. Victoria is growing in population, therefore the stress of commute is becoming front and center. Neighbourhood school is one solution to reducing our carbon footprint in commute, building more active and healthy people, and connected community. A point that no one likes to hear is that we need to built more capacity and invest in infrastructure. Greater Victoria is experiencing a population shift - more young families, more migration, less elderly, more real estate and education needs. No one likes to spend money, but if we don't then we will pay the price later on, and in Greater Victoria the price may need to be paid sooner. Build new school or add capacity to existing ones. Saanich can use another high school and middle school. Reynolds high school needs renovation. The eventual return on investment may not only be in dollar but also in valuable human resources. Take action now!	11/19/2018 11:11 PM
1177	open up to families wanting care near workplace vs home	11/19/2018 11:07 PM
1178	We have one child graduating from high school, one continuing high school and one starting kindergarten in 2019. The schools that we live near (for all three levels) are not our catchment schools. So the families we live near are not attending the same schools. This impacts social connections.	11/19/2018 11:05 PM
1179	Current boundaries work for our family. We do not want to see them change such that it would affect our catchment path.	11/19/2018 11:03 PM
1180	I think this survey should be split into elementary and middle school/ high school groups. It is very important for me that my small children attend a school close to our home. When they are older and can commute to school on their own, proximity is less important. I have no concerns if they have to travel further for a special program at a higher level.	11/19/2018 11:02 PM
1181	No	11/19/2018 10:52 PM

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1182	Afterschool care programs and options make some schools far more attractive to attend. For example, some people want to attend their catchment school, but cannot get into the afterschool care program that is on site. Due to this, they attend a non-catchment school, in order to ensure after school care.	11/19/2018 10:52 PM
1183	Aligning with siblings is a great approach. Portables are an effective and somewhat flexible method to address short term over subscription. Ratio of teacher to student are, in my experience, capable of minor increase which may help when assessing the need to redefine catchment boundaries.	11/19/2018 10:46 PM
1184	Kids must be allowed to continue at their existing schools. Siblings must be allowed to stay together.	11/19/2018 10:43 PM
1185	No	11/19/2018 10:34 PM
1186	The goals or options underpinning the survey could have been more clearly stated and transparent	11/19/2018 10:31 PM
1187	Not at this time	11/19/2018 10:30 PM
1188	Please assign us logically to the closest and/or most easily accessible school to our home	11/19/2018 10:24 PM
1189	Once accepted into a family of schools kids should follow the path so they can stay with friends. Families affected by changes should get the choice to be grandfathered into the existing catchment and not be forced to a new one. Unfair to shift it between kids or between elementary and middle where they get separated from friends just because some are trying to avoid a school and want lines changed.	11/19/2018 10:22 PM
1190	I have friends affected by the catchment boundary than myself. Some friends have to drive their children to a farther school when their house is actually closer to another school but in the existing boundary system, they cannot access the closer school.	11/19/2018 10:19 PM
1191	Eagle View families were told at a meeting in June 2018 that the boundaries can be changed from the Island Highway to the Old Island Highway, which would mean Thetis Vale and surrounding neighbourhoods would be in the Spectrum family of schools, rather than Esquimalt Highschool's family of schools. This change was to come into place in time for Kindergarten registration in February 2019. Now we are told that we have to wait until the remainder of the district is sorted out. The research has already been done and plans are all set to adjust Eagle View's boundaries. Hopefully this comes to fruition soon.	11/19/2018 10:12 PM
1192	This is an important and long over due review. Thanks for taking it on!	11/19/2018 10:05 PM
1193	Please look at keeping both sides of the streets like Glanford and Quadra in their same catchment.	11/19/2018 10:05 PM
1194	For more accurate feedback, more information should be given, ie. joining catchment boundaries, making them bigger, making them smaller, etc. Otherwise, people just guess as to what it means to change catchment boundaries.	11/19/2018 10:01 PM
1195	It is a shame that middle school catchments draw from so many different elementary schools and that students don't attend high school with the same kids they attend middle school with.... it is disruptive and a lot of extra unnecessary change ie the French kids at Margaret Jenkins go to middle school with Sjd kids and high school with Lansdowne and Monterey kids.	11/19/2018 10:00 PM
1196	Seems like lots of schools closed when enrolment dropped. But no schools have been re-opened as enrolment has increased. Instead they are adding portables. It does not seem like a sustainable solution.	11/19/2018 10:00 PM
1197	Continue to do public consultation. Leverage BC stats to conduct your survey, publish results, be transparent even if you don't know the answers. Publish the volumes of feedback recieved and data to allow for public aggregation.	11/19/2018 9:57 PM
1198	I think while yes the boundaries need to be looked at there needs to be a year or two that siblings will be able to get into the same school if your catchment happens to change. It would not be fair to pull the older child out and you want both kids to be at the same school.	11/19/2018 9:54 PM
1199	I hope reviewing helps to spread children out over the schools better to avoid crowding in some areas, and underutilization of schools in others.	11/19/2018 9:53 PM
1200	The majority of View Royal (Thetis Lake area) students already attend schools out of catchment (Eagleview/Colquitz/Spectrum)	11/19/2018 9:48 PM

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1201	Please reopen Richmond school! Every school around it is bursting at their seams. Get kids out of portables and reopen a school in one of the worst areas of high enrollment.	11/19/2018 9:47 PM
1202	No	11/19/2018 9:46 PM
1203	It would be much more helpful to know what boundary changes we are talking about before answering this survey as I don't know what context in which to answer most of these questions.	11/19/2018 9:46 PM
1204	I grew up in a city with no catchment boundaries. I do not think it is a necessary thing to implement as there are many variables ie) the location of a parents' place of work. Families should have freedom to decide.	11/19/2018 9:44 PM
1205	It makes sense to shift the boundaries depending where the bulks of kids are.	11/19/2018 9:43 PM
1206	Catchments should be based on distance from the school, not what district the school is in. No student should have to take a bus to school, or be dropped off by their parents. If children were close enough to walk or ride a bike, our health system would be much less crowded with overweight, sedentary children.	11/19/2018 9:41 PM
1207	No	11/19/2018 9:39 PM
1208	Please allow current families to stay at their current school if their catchment changes. INCLUDING younger siblings not yet enrolled whom have also made amazing friendships.	11/19/2018 9:34 PM
1209	A major concern is the lack of enforcement of the current boundaries and strictness with which they are enforced. There are no consequences if a parent lies and or presents false information to get their child enrolled as an in-catchment child when they clearly live out of catchment. I personally know at least two families (one in grade 1 and one in my child's kindergarten class!!) who deliberately presented false information so as to enrol as an in-catchment child. This is unfair to those who do genuinely live in catchment and pay the premium to do so. It is extremely easy to print and complete and sign a false rental agreement. And parents are still using addresses of extended family who may live in catchment. This is fraud. Why not use CRA and driving licence information as people are extremely unlikely to present false information even if they could as that would be a prosecutable offence. Also I have heard in the last few weeks even various parents who are enrolling their children for 2019 entry to our elementary school that they are good for registration as they currently live in catchment but that after that they may move as they know nobody checks. This is appalling misuse of school enrolment practices. The district should strictly regulate current catchment boundaries and do so in an ongoing basis beyond initial registration (annual presentation of CRA documentation for example) as this would help the current situation without shifting boundaries. I would also like the district to consider the need for 2 schools of choice - eliminating these schools would also help alleviate enrolment pressures at some schools.	11/19/2018 9:34 PM
1210	have a french immersion only middle school like in district 62. Lansdowne or Cedar Hill. Pool French Immersion resources into one spot.	11/19/2018 9:31 PM
1211	I hope there is some consideration placed into re-opening some of the closed schools eg. Richmond elementary	11/19/2018 9:30 PM
1212	Our kids went to Central for Middle School (FRIMM). It was quite a walk/bike ride from Windsor/Hampshire. Not sure how a catchment review would improve that, but it would be great for future families. Any room in Monterey?	11/19/2018 9:28 PM
1213	No, but thank you for asking for feedback.	11/19/2018 9:27 PM
1214	I believe a good first step, prior to any catchment review, would be to ensure the existing catchment policies are actually enforced: we know of several families who have lied (and therefore actually committed fraud), to produce documents indicating they live in catchment where in fact they live no where near, but happen to have a family member (such as grandparent) in catchment. This should be addressed as a priority to ensure fairness and transparency. This occurs as we are in catchment for a highly desirable elementary school (Willows), but that did not happen by chance - we consciously brought a property within that school's catchment, paying higher property prices and ongoing higher property taxes, to ensure our children can attend that school. It is unfair that others lie and fraudulently claim to live in catchment with impunity. Similarly, many parents believe they only need to live in catchment at enrolment period - what happens to children whose families move subsequently? Currently there is no monitoring and these children remain enrolled at a school they are no longer in catchment for. Addressing these items would help alleviate enrolment pressures within certain schools, and would bring greater equity and fairness.	11/19/2018 9:27 PM
1215	the rules and priorities of placement, as well as the spatial delineation needs to be well thought out and discussed as part of this review.	11/19/2018 9:26 PM

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1216	Please take into consideration of families that rely on extended families for child care and not assume that the parents are the only care providers.	11/19/2018 9:24 PM
1217	I strongly believe that there should be room for all kids to attend their local school, the school ideally being within walking distance.	11/19/2018 9:21 PM
1218	Not right now.	11/19/2018 9:18 PM
1219	About the review or the boundaries? I wouldn't pretend to have anything meaningful to share about the "review" because we haven't been provided with information on WHY the boundaries are being reviewed...at least not in a consumable fashion. Anyway I can only guess that its because the catchments are based on old ass boundaries from old ass population information. But as far as I know the current government has some money to burn. So you tell me why its really happening and I'll share with you my real thoughts on it.	11/19/2018 9:18 PM
1220	Please allow all kids that live in Oak Bay to attend schools in their municipality so friends in neighbourhoods, sports teams and other activities can attend school together.	11/19/2018 9:13 PM
1221	If catchment boundaries are redrawn, families who owned their house prior to the switch should still be able to access the catchment that their house was in prior to the changes.	11/19/2018 9:09 PM
1222	Please re-open schools like Richmond and take the pressure off of schools like GJ. Or build a new school downtown. GJ's catchment size is way too big. It can't sustain that kind of growth and be a calm, well-supported learning environment.	11/19/2018 9:06 PM
1223	We'd like to move but will not move until this catchment boundary is sorted out, that's how badly we'd like our son to stay with his established community of friends. Both middle school and high school are very delicate times for these kids and being split up according to what side of the road you live on seems ludicrous.	11/19/2018 9:05 PM
1224	Just let kids chose whay school to wish to attend	11/19/2018 9:00 PM
1225	The calibre of all schools in the district should be high and with amazing program choices-- it does not seem like that is the case and it is very disappointing. It fuels all of the upset over catchment areas.	11/19/2018 8:56 PM
1226	Opening or re-opening schools is a vital step that needs to be taken. Schools are becoming too large, and especially for those vulnerable schools, it makes it unmanageable. Assemblies for the whole school cannot be held because of capacity issues; custodians are run off their feet trying to clean more and more classrooms; common areas get dirtier from the sheer volume of kids; portables are isolating for staff and students; school no longer feels welcoming when it becomes too large. Changing the boundaries is a good step, but more schools need to be opened.	11/19/2018 8:56 PM
1227	If catchment boundaries are to be redrawn then young siblings should have priority based on "old" catchment boundaries or, older siblings should have priority to transfer to their "new" catchment. There needs to be some flexibility in coordinating catchment vs. sibling priorities in order to ease transportation challenges for families with multiple children. Otherwise, the district would need to plan on expanding before-school and after-school programs as well as improving the affordability of such programs.	11/19/2018 8:55 PM
1228	Children should be able to walk to their neighbourhood school- there should be space for them	11/19/2018 8:54 PM
1229	is there a proposal?	11/19/2018 8:50 PM
1230	I think peer groups are really important in middle school. Highschool is different with kids being willing to meet new friends. Reynolds has done a good job of inclusion. I really think its important the HS students have choices. Anything to keep them motivated and engaged in school in order to graduate. HS students are more mobile, able to take public transportation. As graduation rates are going up, I recommend you don't mess around with the HS too much as students are generally happier and finishing school.	11/19/2018 8:47 PM
1231	We will need future bus service to Spectrum High for kids living near/attending Eagle View Elementary	11/19/2018 8:46 PM
1232	no thanks	11/19/2018 8:46 PM
1233	Programs of choice are an important factor to choose a school - size of the school population was a consideration when we attended school open houses	11/19/2018 8:42 PM
1234	N/A	11/19/2018 8:42 PM



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1235	I would request that children currently enrolled in a school be able to finish all grades at that school. If boundaries are to shift I would ask that the impact is only on new enrolling students.	11/19/2018 8:41 PM
1236	I do not think programs of choice should be limited to catchment. Equal opportunity within the district should permit out of catchment access.	11/19/2018 8:41 PM
1237	Ability to have students attend a school near parents work is important to us	11/19/2018 8:39 PM
1238	School board has closed many schools, increasing the # of students in some schools, and because there is no space then portables were built. Fixing the problem: Stop closings schools, so no need of schools over populated and then no need of portables. It is hard to understand?	11/19/2018 8:38 PM
1239	will seismic upgrades be taking into consideration during this review? How will this review impact before/after school care (we currently are unable to find any for our first child - a year before she's going to start Kindergarten)?	11/19/2018 8:36 PM
1240	Programs of choice should be used to draw kids to schools with lower utilization.	11/19/2018 8:32 PM
1241	My first child is a current student at Eagle View. My second child will be in kindergarten in 2019. I am concerned about the transfer process and dissapointed that I cannot register my daughter at the school my son attends. I am also frustrated that I attended an information session in the spring of 2018 and was given assurances that by the fall 2018, prior to kindergarten registration, we would have some clarity. This process seems to have started from scratch and has been a complete waste of time.	11/19/2018 8:32 PM
1242	I want my son to be able to attend a late immersion with a hockey academy. I want my daughter to be able to go into French, unlike my son, despite lining up at 5am for our catchment FI school- we were not accepted and he had to do English at a different school.	11/19/2018 8:31 PM
1243	It is paramount that kids who live in their catchment be able to attend the school in their area- parents cannot drive their hundred all over this city to drop kids off further away from their area.	11/19/2018 8:30 PM
1244	The location of our catchment school is great, but unfortunately we don't feel that the quality of education and student/family experience compares to the school of choice our child attends. If we felt the quality of education at our local catchment school was the same as the school of choice our child attends we would very happily attend our local catchment school. In the meantime we are glad to have access to a public, district-wide school of choice.	11/19/2018 8:30 PM
1245	I am concerned that two elementary schools in close proximity to each other have been closed and then schools like Campus view have so many portables due to the overflow of students.	11/19/2018 8:29 PM
1246	Shoreline school needs a distinctly higher level of support and district assistance.	11/19/2018 8:24 PM
1247	Please build protected bike lanes & trails - not just painted lines - so kids can bike to school safely	11/19/2018 8:24 PM
1248	Nope.	11/19/2018 8:18 PM
1249	No.	11/19/2018 8:12 PM
1250	We are more concerned about access to programs like the Cloverdale Traditional School than the programs of choice you mostly referred to	11/19/2018 8:11 PM
1251	no	11/19/2018 8:10 PM
1252	French Immersion is very important to our family and we would like to see the program maintained within the school district.	11/19/2018 8:05 PM
1253	This survey is very vague and is not transparent and it is difficult to give a true indication of how I feel without knowing the catchment boundaries. Why not tell us what the lines will be so that you can get a true indication of how many families will truly be affected. Having the survey without the knowledge of the proposed new catchment lines is in my opinion a complete waste of time. Do I support portables? yes if it keeps my kids together. Dual track schools are creating an environment whereby parents are choosing French IN SOME CASES (not mine) strictly to avoid the lower end children in the school system. I believe to have a truly immersive experience AND to decrease the demand for French the district should look at creating fully French and fully English schools. This would create a more diverse situation in the English classrooms and also a proper immersive experience. Creating more dual track schools with the catchment boundary review is NOT the solution.	11/19/2018 8:04 PM
1254	No thanks.	11/19/2018 8:02 PM
1255	Before/After School care programs MUST be protected in elementary schools.	11/19/2018 8:01 PM

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1256	Kids should be able to attend their catchment school w/o change. All others should be able to attend based on space and/or programs of choice	11/19/2018 7:58 PM
1257	I think that it should have been done BEFORE the priorities for enrollment were changed...	11/19/2018 7:54 PM
1258	I just want my current child and my other who is currently in Saanich to be able to go to Mount Doug and play football.	11/19/2018 7:53 PM
1259	I think another consideration is considering single and multiple children families where it is important to keep families together in the same schools and programs. Another consideration is verify catchment residency which may actually be an issue with increasing enrolments. Is there a way of knowing whether families provide false residency in order to designate catchments that provide better programs of choice?	11/19/2018 7:52 PM
1260	It would be nice to ensure sibilants could stay in the same schools as each other. For example, one child is in one school then the family moves and that child stays with that school but the other child has to attend a school in the new catchment area.	11/19/2018 7:50 PM
1261	As much as possible I would like to see a mix of socio-economic profiles included in school catchments.	11/19/2018 7:49 PM
1262	My children were denied attending school of choice for special ed programming due to "not in catchment" even though their older siblings attended that school. It is truly a shame as my kids are getting missed in such a big school with so many students in "mainstream classes". Inclusion is great, and, it needs to be realistic. Reviewing the boundaries is needed!	11/19/2018 7:48 PM
1263	n/a	11/19/2018 7:48 PM
1264	Its a waste of time . Didn't you guys just change them?	11/19/2018 7:44 PM
1265	I think it's important to consider neighbourhood and community areas. Communities form between large roads and it makes sense to form catchments in the same way. This will encourage children to form better friendships with other children in their neighbourhood, rather than sending neighbours to different schools.	11/19/2018 7:43 PM
1266	This is a long time overdue. I think if you can hear the school bell from your back yard, you should be able to attend that school.... walking distance is a HUGE reason to be able to attend one school over another - the highway boundary for Spectrum is really awful!!! So many kids from the area we live in attend Marigold/Spectrum because of walking distance VS having to drive kids to school!!!!	11/19/2018 7:39 PM
1267	Keep siblings together.	11/19/2018 7:38 PM
1268	I need my son to have support system in place when he goes to high school in two more years	11/19/2018 7:36 PM
1269	Nursery Hill Dr is a small st to be included into catchment of eagle view elem	11/19/2018 7:36 PM
1270	I am unsure of the selection process of students to the different Programs of Choice. Are the students that apply all equal or are catchment students given priority for programs at their local school? I would suggest that the student spaces for these programs be exempt from the catchment allocation but I would need more information to make a sound decision.	11/19/2018 7:33 PM
1271	Creating healthy school environments and updating or building new buildings to ensure students success.	11/19/2018 7:33 PM
1272	No	11/19/2018 7:30 PM
1273	It is not always easy to just choose where to live. As it is Victoria is a hard place to find affordable housing. Parents can't just move to help the children attend their school of choice especially if the boundaries will potentially change.	11/19/2018 7:28 PM
1274	When we were consulted last year we were advised this review would be recommended (eagleview becoming the catchment school for those living in theis vale suburb) but to date nothing has happened. We have many concerned parents, myself included, that our kids siblings will face trouble getting in to the school as well as which school path our currently enrolled children will follow. I hope this year these recommendations will be properly considered with a timeline put in place.	11/19/2018 7:28 PM
1275	With more and more families work in Victoria but move far due to pricy housing markets and therefore long commute, it's essential to consider parents work place as catchment considerations so that students are not home alone for extended periods of time.	11/19/2018 7:28 PM

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1276	It is completely ludicrous to expect parents to sleep on the school steps to get their children into their catchment school. Schools should be able to guarantee a space to all children in the catchment -- if they can't, then the catchment needs to change.	11/19/2018 7:26 PM
1277	We live one block away from a high school that is not in our catchment. Believe that there should be some form of grand-fathering for students already in a family of schools.	11/19/2018 7:22 PM
1278	It should be a choice of school not based on catchment boundary.	11/19/2018 7:22 PM
1279	Freedom of choice.	11/19/2018 7:22 PM
1280	We purchased our home in Saanich SD in 2013 when our children were attending early French Immersion in SD#79. It was important to us that the kids attend schools that were accessibly via public transportation while continuing with FI. That's why we chose the Victoria SD over Saanich when we moved the kids from the Cowichan Valley. We were fortunate AGMS had room for both the kids. We hope to have our two pre-school aged children also attend Victoria SD schools, preferably FI.	11/19/2018 7:20 PM
1281	Please reconsider middle schools. Returning to an elementary/secondary school mix address a number of issues, including raising the age of lunch monitors in our classrooms. Please stop treating French immersion as a "program of choice" as Canadians awareness of French language and culture is central to our identity. If languages are a "program of choice" then introduce languages that will make our children competitive in the future e.g. mandarin. Space should also be allocated in schools for a lunch program (e.g. Vic West)	11/19/2018 7:20 PM
1282	Walking to school is not relevant today. If my kids in public school s elementary middle and high school I would say 90% of kids are driven too and from school each day. Having before and after school care is much more relevant to families in today's world.	11/19/2018 7:19 PM
1283	Schools of choice should have first consideration for catchment	11/19/2018 7:17 PM
1284	I think this is a long time coming, and a positive change for students and teachers alike. It will be great if the answer were to re-open some of the schools of close down over the past 10 years, it would alleviate a lot of pressure.	11/19/2018 7:14 PM
1285	no	11/19/2018 7:10 PM
1286	Not really - as I mentioned all of Oak Bay and only Oak Bay should be Willows catchment	11/19/2018 7:08 PM
1287	french immersion has taken over access for neighbourhood children. make parents that chose this elite option drive their kids out of boundary to full french immersion schools	11/19/2018 7:08 PM
1288	Please try to ensure drawing new boundaries doesn't create greater equity gaps.	11/19/2018 7:04 PM
1289	No	11/19/2018 7:04 PM
1290	I wrote in last year asking for enrolment stats vs applications for elementary schools, particularly how many apply to French immersion, by school, and how many are admitted. I got no answer. This info would help families to plan because they would have an idea of how likely their area is to be affected and how likely they are to get into which school. Helps for planning but also avoids unneeded stress. Also, survey seems slanted to families already in the system rather than families in preschool age, who will be more affected (assuming you aren't forcing kids to move from a school they are already in). Some communication on basic principles would put minds at ease - I.e. priority of keeping siblings together...	11/19/2018 7:03 PM
1291	No	11/19/2018 7:01 PM
1292	You need to build more schools.! We are not a poor city or county, we live in a RICH city Victoria.! Do not go around the problem, And face it by Building more schools thank you.!	11/19/2018 7:01 PM
1293	I recommend that any change is staggered, for example allowing siblings to attend the same schools if they are in the old catchment area boundary	11/19/2018 6:57 PM
1294	Let the children who are already attending out of catchment school continue with their peers and be grandfathered in and not force them to go to catchment school.	11/19/2018 6:57 PM
1295	Flexibility is better than being rigid and basing access to parents location - means that those of limited means might have to go to local school that's less than ideal.	11/19/2018 6:56 PM
1296	School enrolment affects the local community in many ways. Local kids should go to the most local schools as much as possible.	11/19/2018 6:50 PM

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1297	I currently live only a couple of blocks from Oak Bay High and Willows. Please don't change our boundary. Change the borders that are far away geographically from the schools.	11/19/2018 6:50 PM
1298	I think aiming to have kids attending a school close to their homes is better for community engagement and development and for the environment. The number of cars at schools for drop offs and pick ups is quite the scene.	11/19/2018 6:48 PM
1299	I feel many of these questions do not provide information to be able to answer them- or the question is a yes or no when neither answer is my answer.	11/19/2018 6:45 PM
1300	Please look at reopening some of the closed schools.	11/19/2018 6:43 PM
1301	To factor students into the decision heavily. Portables aren't the answer and unless they are being build new need significant upgrades. Having schools not being able to accommodate before and after school proگرام because of space issues is also difficult for parents.	11/19/2018 6:43 PM
1302	Needs to be more flexible for kids to change schools. So many stories of kids being bullied and parents are unable to find another school to take them. Having to lie to get your child into another school is heartbreaking. Also kids with special needs - some schools have better programs in place. Kids with iep's need to be considered where they will get the best resources rather than confining them by geographic boundary.	11/19/2018 6:42 PM
1303	Glad you are reviewing the system. It is broken.	11/19/2018 6:42 PM
1304	Open up Richmond Elementary. This would greatly ease the pressure off of Willows.	11/19/2018 6:41 PM
1305	There are not enough middle school spaces in city of Victoria	11/19/2018 6:41 PM
1306	N/A	11/19/2018 6:39 PM
1307	Please see 23	11/19/2018 6:35 PM
1308	I would like for children to be allowed to stay in the same stream as their siblings and friends. Future change is inevitable but changing while a child has begun their school career can lead to unnecessary stresses	11/19/2018 6:35 PM
1309	Distance from the home to the school should take precedence over the designated path from elementary->middle->high school. My child is in French and if she switches to English when at Landsdowne, we'll have to drive her past oak bay high ( an 8 min walk from our house) to Vic high. That doesn't make any sense.	11/19/2018 6:34 PM
1310	I would like to see more than one school that meets boundary requirements and has programs of choice available to students and families the ability to choose the best schools for individuals.	11/19/2018 6:31 PM
1311	Stop selling schools/land when short term changes in demographics change enrollment.	11/19/2018 6:31 PM
1312	This review committee should have all names properly posted on the web site along with their contact details for proper "transparency" and not as this secret group which is the current impression. And, how was this group chosen - exactly? Member backgrounds??	11/19/2018 6:30 PM
1313	I would like to suggest you explore all available options before considering making a change to the catchment boundary. It is not feasible to offer special programs at all of the schools within the district. Only a small number of students typically apply for these special programs. If offering programs such as French Immersion at the elementary and middle school levels within the neighborhood it makes sense to offer the same at the local high school as well so that the children are not having to leave their peer group at high school.	11/19/2018 6:29 PM
1314	No. It's just a bad idea. Schools need to be flexible or offer the programs other schools do. Every school can't do each specific extra like soccer, hockey, baseball etc	11/19/2018 6:28 PM
1315	It is way past time the boundaries were updated. And a schools catchment should include the area around it, the school should not be at the edge of the catchment boundary.	11/19/2018 6:28 PM
1316	No	11/19/2018 6:27 PM
1317	The Galloping Goose is an excellent, safe commuter route and should be considered when drawing up catchment boundaries.	11/19/2018 6:25 PM
1318	Thank you for not increasing school sizes and enrollment!	11/19/2018 6:25 PM

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1319	The current system is based on postal codes and is not reflective of the new real estate reality that is victoria. Until such times as all schools can provide the same programs, you should not offer magnet programs such as sports, French, arts, drama etc.. people are buying houses for schools and work proximity but those who can't afford their dream neighbourhood are SOL ... if they can no longer transfer. Boundary streets should have the option to go to either of their two catchments Kids need to go the schools that are close to their homes so they can be part of the community unless their parents prefer to take them across town for a particular magnet program otherwise you are climbing tje slippery sloap of segregation	11/19/2018 6:22 PM
1320	Being mindful of the Saanich Oak Bay Border and having options around elementary & middle school access	11/19/2018 6:21 PM
1321	Use this strategic planning review to also recommend future school facility capital projects - new schools. Portables are a good mitigation strategy, but you also need to concurrently work on a long-term (30 year projection) solution.	11/19/2018 6:18 PM
1322	Creating boundaries that encourage safe walking and biking to school (not crossing major roads) would be ideal.	11/19/2018 6:15 PM
1323	I'm currently in the Lambrick Park catchment, and I was very surprised not to be in Mt Doug. My main concern is that the two schools don't seem to be on a similar level as far as academics go. I don't want my kids stuck going to a 2nd rate high school because we bought a house on the wrong side of the street.	11/19/2018 6:15 PM
1324	It's very important that people who live near their catchment school should be able to go to that school.By attending the school closest to where you live, provides kids the opportunity to go to school with the same kids until graduation.	11/19/2018 6:14 PM
1325	Equal access to special programming regardless of income or neighbourhood	11/19/2018 6:13 PM
1326	The priority for the school district should be working with municipalities to improve cycling infrastructure and B.C. Transit to improve bus service. Proximity is less of an issue if there's safe travel for kids and youth to school.	11/19/2018 6:11 PM
1327	All of Judah st should be in the Northridge catchment.	11/19/2018 6:09 PM
1328	Most but not all parents work in the city centre.	11/19/2018 6:09 PM
1329	I found the process of applying for kindergarten last year ineffecient and stressful; the catchment system exacerbated that. It's beyond the scope of this study but I think an examination of how enrollment is completed in general is warranted.	11/19/2018 6:06 PM
1330	One of the other considerations for parents in choosing a school is size. Some kids do much better in smaller school settings. There are other considerations not related to distance or schools of choice.	11/19/2018 6:03 PM
1331	Maybe the spoiled overpaid teachers can sacrifice their convenient monthly "Pro D" day which amazingly falls on every long weekend throughout the year and take the money saved to open up more seats in their existing schools instead of forcing parents to have less choice over the quality of their children's educations.	11/19/2018 5:58 PM
1332	No	11/19/2018 5:53 PM
1333	I believe in recommended boundaries however personal and family choice should be of equal consideration	11/19/2018 5:53 PM
1334	This survey can be accessed by anyone. How do you verify that respondents don't respond more than once? The security of this survey itself seems inadequate and could lead to potential manipulation.	11/19/2018 5:50 PM
1335	It needs to be a gradual change over a few years so that the kids that are in a current school can stay there until they graduate to a new school but then say have the kids that graduate elementary that are now not in the catchment area have to go to the new catchment school. Then they will not be forced to move to a new school until they have to leave that school altogether.	11/19/2018 5:47 PM
1336	No	11/19/2018 5:45 PM
1337	No.	11/19/2018 5:43 PM
1338	There are still students attending my catchment school who are not living in the catchment. The review process is not helpful if the attendance numbers are not accurate.	11/19/2018 5:42 PM

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1339	Catchment and school assignment needs to be flexible when dealing with the astronomically high housing costs.	11/19/2018 5:40 PM
1340	My area would really benefit from reopening a closed school, such as Richmond or uplands. You asked about portables - I am ok with limited use of these (E.g. current number at willows is ok) but I wouldn't want to see many more. Don't want portables to be a solution instead of reopening schools.	11/19/2018 5:34 PM
1341	Thank you for looking into this. Our catchment area definitely was not thought out in respect to household locations.	11/19/2018 5:33 PM
1342	Again commence the transition at kindergarten 2020.	11/19/2018 5:32 PM
1343	Will the boundaries being considered be shared with parents?	11/19/2018 5:31 PM
1344	Programs of choice should include opportunities for students with developmental disabilities	11/19/2018 5:29 PM
1345	Please consider re opening Richmond elementary!!! Also, I'm in favour of eliminating middle school so proximity to elementary and high schools isn't such an issue	11/19/2018 5:29 PM
1346	We have been caught in a major loophole with SD61 and I feel as though we are getting caught in the system. My children are out of catchment because our catchment school was full in Kindergarten, we were offered out of catchment schools. They now have friends and a great community and because of your new mandate, we are being told we have to stay in catchment when my children move to middle school, which means they can't follow their friends into middle school. This new catchment review will not affect or help our family at all, but I am extremely disappointed with how our situation has unfolded. I truly hope you will take this into consideration when accepting transfer requests.	11/19/2018 5:27 PM
1347	Siblings need priority. Even over students currently attending but how our if catchment.	11/19/2018 5:25 PM
1348	I think students should have the choice to attend any middle or high school they feel most comfortable at.	11/19/2018 5:20 PM
1349	Best of Luck. I am very pleased that the priorities were about keeping siblings together. This is an important part of day-to-day planning.	11/19/2018 5:18 PM
1350	For a neighborhood to thrive I think it is important that all children are able to attend their neighborhood school.	11/19/2018 5:17 PM
1351	It is extremely important that kids be able to attend their catchment area school and not be forced to go somewhere else.	11/19/2018 5:13 PM
1352	Consider re-opening the schools that were previously closed when enrolment dropped. More kids will live closer to their schools so they can walk and less portables would be needed	11/19/2018 5:12 PM
1353	Programs of choice are a waste of money. They should be removed from public systems to allow children to access their catchment schools.	11/19/2018 5:11 PM
1354	I would love to see more schools re-opened to reduce the crowding and go back to giving students a choice of where they go. I strongly disagree with the "following your stream" being abolished as we chose our school with the assumption that our children would be able to stay with their friends throughout their schooling and instead they are being forced into a middle school where they know nobody and need to walk 45 minutes through a rough industrial area (public transit does nothing to reduce this) instead of taking a direct bus door to door to their pathway school.	11/19/2018 5:08 PM
1355	The amount of out of catchment students at Quadra Elementary is incredible. One of the things that you don't ask about is why people choose out of catchment schools. I think part of the reason relates to the lack of affordable and quality before and after school programs so people choose the school based on babysitting arrangements.	11/19/2018 5:06 PM
1356	Specifically for Campus View, the catchment area already seems really small. If anything, it needs to expand. That being said I understand the school is already full. I also think that another school in Gordon Head needs to offer French Immersion.	11/19/2018 5:05 PM
1357	leave it alone	11/19/2018 5:03 PM
1358	Considering opening Richmond school or another facility to help with demand.	11/19/2018 5:03 PM
1359	Elementary should be decided within walking distance, given that parents often NEED to accompany their children to/from school. Middle school and high school options I think should be more flexible, to direct students to the kinds of special programs that most benefit their growth.	11/19/2018 5:02 PM

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1360	Any boundary review should benefit all schools and all demographics. Families in less affluent neighbourhoods should not be prioritized over families in more affluent neighbourhoods.	11/19/2018 5:00 PM
1361	Yes moving from pathway sucks. When my kids were accepted out of catchment in kindergarten and told that would be the only time they would have to apply. We were 1 street off catchment ..my son was granted transfer and my daughter was denied..so that was fun ...also friends may not seem important but when your child has good friends that are "good" it sure is important to me that they stay with them.	11/19/2018 4:57 PM
1362	I understand that French Emerson has a separate budget line to fund it, but many parents I know treat it as a "poor mans private school" for the benefit of no special needs students disrupting the classrooms. The School Board could consider this issue to be the unspoken demand for FE and address the issue directly. Might be the cheaper option in the end.	11/19/2018 4:56 PM
1363	I hope that the results of this survey are made public. Thank you.	11/19/2018 4:53 PM
1364	I really hope that my information was useful and I would really like to see a big change in traffic and parking . Safety first ! :)	11/19/2018 4:49 PM
1365	The James Bay area is in serious need of a Middle School	11/19/2018 4:48 PM
1366	No	11/19/2018 4:45 PM
1367	Thanks for the survey!	11/19/2018 4:44 PM
1368	Students in catchment area should have priority over programs of choice.	11/19/2018 4:42 PM
1369	More elementary programs of choice. Ie. outdoor focus, different languages, STEM focus, etc.	11/19/2018 4:40 PM
1370	We live in the catchment for Uplands Elementary school. It would be very convenient and walkable for us to attend. The school closure brought a major shift in the entire community. Fewer families are attracted to the neighbourhood and children living here attend a variety of different schools. This creates a disjointed neighbourhood where children don't know one another and families aren't connected with their neighbours or community. It is a more isolated and disconnected lifestyle. I believe a community school is essential for a vibrant, thriving neighbourhood. I strongly urge the school district to consider reopening the schools that were closed and to redraw the catchment boundaries to accommodate these schools. Opening schools would reduce the need for portables and would have a huge benefit to the children and communities. I believe we must accommodate the children of our communities first. Perhaps international programs could be integrated into several schools throughout the district for a more immersive learning environment. Using this school for an international program does a disservice to the community.	11/19/2018 4:40 PM
1371	We live on magdelin st. And our catchment is hillcrest and I walk alot and campus view is much closer. Its fine either way but a bit closer to other schools.	11/19/2018 4:37 PM
1372	I am very nervous about the outcome of this review and I'm not really trusting this consultative process. We chose our neighbourhood based on the schools close to home and our English school catchment school is farther away than the French catchment school our children attend. If the results of this catchment review negatively impact me and my family, I would potentially move my children to a close by independent school which we cannot afford. Please ensure this review limits the impact to children and families. I question the District's ability to long term plan given a school in our neighbour was closed less than 15 years ago.	11/19/2018 4:34 PM
1373	This is my third child in this catchment... I really wish the the catchment boundaries were emphasized years ago... the fact that students were allowed to go to any school with an 'academy' meant that a few schools have become elite in terms of sports, etc. Having students travel half way across the CRD to go to other schools has significantly contributed to our traffic issues in the morning. Too late for my family. But I hope that a more strict approach to boundaries will be enforced moving forward!	11/19/2018 4:32 PM
1374	You probably need to open up the schools you shut down over the last 10 years. Over populating existing schools is not a good choice	11/19/2018 4:30 PM
1375	Some schools are for a variety of reasons more desirable than others. I would support lots of portables at those schools if it meant that more students were able to attend them.	11/19/2018 4:27 PM
1376	N/A	11/19/2018 4:26 PM
1377	No	11/19/2018 4:23 PM

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1378	This change happens in 2020 in which 2 of our children transition to new schools. We are very happy with our Catchments boundary and are currently under massive renovations of our home so that we could stay in our home based on our catchments rather than moving and being in a new area with new schools. Our children are also at that point to be walking on their own to school and changing our boundaries could greatly alter our families financial burden of having them in care or being responsible to have them picked up.	11/19/2018 4:21 PM
1379	Thank you for reviewing such an old and outdated map	11/19/2018 4:20 PM
1380	It is critically important to us that our kids have the opportunity to complete their elementary school education where they are currently enrolled, and not have to move to another school if the catchment boundary changes. I understand this is already guaranteed, and for that I am grateful.	11/19/2018 4:18 PM
1381	Do it	11/19/2018 4:18 PM
1382	Your survey questions about priorities depend on age of student. Very difficult to answer some of these questions.	11/19/2018 4:17 PM
1383	No	11/19/2018 4:16 PM
1384	I feel catchment families should be priority especially when other siblings have attended (current or past).	11/19/2018 4:14 PM
1385	There should be flexibility for enroll children in the school that they like.	11/19/2018 4:14 PM
1386	Again - proximity of middle schools to neighbourhoods should be #1. This age group is still young with no access to afterschool care programs. If it means shifts in "choice" programs then I would support that. If ppl want these choices then they may have to adopt their commute.	11/19/2018 4:14 PM
1387	I think the use of portables is okay to an extent. Too many portables negatively affects the cohesion/sense of a community of a school. All portables should have running water especially at the elementary level. I'm hoping the district will look at reopening closed schools instead of adding more portables at this point. I also hope that access to French Immersion will remain and expand given demand.	11/19/2018 4:13 PM
1388	since my child is not in French Immersion, even though that is what we had wanted but did not "win the lottery" having French Immersion in catchment school is of no benefit to us Need to be very rigorous in determining who is living in catchment , we specifically bought our house to be in Oak Bay catchment	11/19/2018 4:12 PM
1389	I'm an urban planner by profession, and I don't really see any option but to push the Oak Bay High boundaries westward. There is almost no growth in Oak Bay, and lots in the City of Victoria. The burden on Vic High will increase dramatically in the coming decades. Oak Bay should be used to pick up some of that slack. It also seems fairly clear that another high school will be needed fairly soon in the City of Victoria. I'd be looking at Lansdowne field as a possibility. I could see a high school facility fronting Lansdowne Rd on the balance of the northern portion of the fields, with the southern fields remaining.	11/19/2018 4:08 PM
1390	Please change them and make school more balanced. There are many elementary schools well over capacity which means that the middle and high schools will soon be feeling the impacts.	11/19/2018 4:07 PM



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1391	<p>I understand that students from other areas of Victoria would like to attend Oak Bay High. I specifically chose where I live 16 years ago because I wanted my son to go to his neighbourhood school. I chose Oak Bay because it was a relatively safe and quiet neighbourhood. Small house, big gain. I am concerned when I hear that students from say Langford are wanting to come to Oak Bay high and are allowed to, which raises the numbers and the students are so crowded they end up feeling like animals in a zoo. Having said that, I myself, chose to go to a different high school other than the one that I should have attended in my neighbourhood due [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Often times there are circumstances where what's best for the student is to send them to another school. These type of circumstances can be reviewed with the aide of teachers and the principal as was in my case. What I'm saying is that putting boundries out there as the defining factor isn't the way to decide who attends which school in all cases but I do think that generally kids should attend a school that isn't in their neighbourhood unless there is a specific reason, like health and safety for that person. When the numbers get to the point where the schools are bursting at the seams...it's time to create another school in the area. Comox has done this. There are several middle schools in one area. The high schools may have to follow this path too. I taught in a portable. My students felt isolated. Pods are not the answer. A school is a community. Manage the numbers and use schools for multi-purpose. Oak Bay's theatre is used for outside school events. Their soccer fields are used by others, not just students. I was extremely scared and frustrated when I attended the "welcome parents" night when my son came to Oak Bay for grade 9. The principal at the door said to me, "good luck with your application" I didn't know what he meant? Then found out, that even though I lived in the catchment area, it didn't guarantee my son a spot in the school! That is not right in my opinion. Why are we encouraging more people to buy cars, use public transit and continue to risk the environment when students should be able to walk to their school? Portables are not the solution. Build another school, hire more teachers, and encourage the community to be part of the school system. I'm sure you're aware I'm against boarding schools as well. Why have children? Thanks for letting me rant. I'm not against having other kids from other areas come to Oak Bay high, but making it all about boundries isn't the solution. Generally, I think what needs to happen is let the people who live in the catchment area go to that school and if they want to go to a school outside of their own catchment, then they apply and the board can review them as individuals. If they are from Langford and want to go to Oak Bay and there is room for them, then let them attend by all means but the majority of the kids who live in the catchment area should always be given first priority. A school is a community or are we just treating everything in dollars and numbers now? It's a balancing act I know but these beings we call students are our future. Let's provide quality education that is safe, welcoming and accessible.</p>	11/19/2018 4:06 PM
1392	I hope their is a better way to prove if someone actually lives in the catchment.	11/19/2018 4:03 PM
1393	Use common sense! Open previously closed schools! Richmond, Uplands	11/19/2018 4:02 PM
1394	It is a huge problem with out of catchment kids, so many using previous addresses, siblings or grandparents addresses to stay. It isn't fair when capacity is a problem.	11/19/2018 4:02 PM
1395	I live on Palmer Road, if Cedar Hill Middle school catchment were to shift to include our Street we would be very happy with that change because we would not need to apply for a transfer.	11/19/2018 4:02 PM
1396	Yes, any child that was badly affected by the feeder school rules changing for the 2018 school year should be given special consideration if they are now going to be adversely affected by these catchment changes. In fact, the catchment changes should have been made before the decision was put to the public to change the rules from going to your feeder school to catchment school!	11/19/2018 4:02 PM
1397	Please take into account, as one consideration, the choice families have made to live close to a school, or to choose a program that is not close to home (but are willing to commute to take part in the program).	11/19/2018 4:00 PM
1398	If catchment boundaries are re-drawn affected younger siblings should be granted enrollment at the school of the older sibling. Redrawing catchment boundaries should not separate family members.	11/19/2018 4:00 PM
1399	People who live in the area should be able to attend the school.	11/19/2018 3:59 PM
1400	Please open Richmond elementary. The populations of Willows and Oakland's is too big.	11/19/2018 3:58 PM
1401	Families and students make a long-term learning commitment to French Immersion unlike other Programs of Choice and I do not believe that FI can be treated the same way as other POC in the District.	11/19/2018 3:58 PM

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1402	we moved to our current address because of the schools. i am not in favor of changing school at all at this point.	11/19/2018 3:57 PM
1403	We need more space! More French instructors, more EA's.	11/19/2018 3:56 PM
1404	Please just keep it the way it is, if you live out of the catchment area you shouldn't attend that school	11/19/2018 3:56 PM
1405	How it is enforced.. We hear that some parents are using friends and family addresses and driving their children in from far away..	11/19/2018 3:56 PM
1406	Thank you	11/19/2018 3:55 PM
1407	no	11/19/2018 3:53 PM
1408	nope.	11/19/2018 3:53 PM
1409	I hope the boundaries make sense. Equal amount of distance for the boundaries surrounding the school.	11/19/2018 3:52 PM
1410	Make the french catchment smaller and increase that option in more schools. More to offer less over crowding..better atmosphere for ALL staff and children	11/19/2018 3:52 PM
1411	Vic High boundardy should extend to Richmond Rd all the way south to Crescent Rd. Also the North should extend to include Derby Rd and Tattersall Rd	11/19/2018 3:50 PM
1412	I am hopeful that the board is considering more than just the re-drawing of lines as it relates to catchment boundaries. There are other issues as well that need consideration. One such element is that not all public schools are equal in our district (which is why our children both do not attend their catchment school) and not all schools offer equal levels and types of non-speciality program. If transferring between schools is going to be stopped or significantly limited due to catchments schools being full, then curricular and extra-curricular programming between schools (as well as quality teaching staff) needs to be more equalized (this includes: band, music, drama, exploratories, sports, mini-x, tv studios, clubs, etc.) Ideally I wish there was a guarantee that all students could get into their catchment schools if they wished, and that for those students whom the catchment school did not service well (despite the boundary line), that they was a way to offer at a minimum a limited number of reserved non-catchment spaces. I am not certain what the process would be for fairly accessing those spaces, but that would potentially be the ideal.	11/19/2018 3:50 PM
1413	I believe that there is great potential for sensible improvements with a change in boundaries. Concerned about younger siblings feeling anxious going to a new strange school and as a parent I would have separate pickups for elementary aged children.	11/19/2018 3:47 PM
1414	We moved into our particular area so that our children could attend the community schools we wanted then to. It's important to us that the sense of community is valued.	11/19/2018 3:47 PM
1415	Our house is in the Quadra School - Lansdowne catchment for French Immersion. Fortunately, our daughter started Kindergarten in the Campus View-Arbutus Catchment. Going to Arbutus was a lot easier for our family as one bus links the two locations. Going to Lansdowne would have been very difficult from our particular location. Allowing for some flexibility within the system is needed. Maybe the boundaries could be somewhat flexible with a buffer zone of sorts (choice of two schools when you are in between for example).	11/19/2018 3:46 PM
1416	Please take into consideration the fact that parents who have the time, energy and ability (e.g. language barriers) to respond to the survey may not represent the entire voice of SD 61 families. For example, how are kids in foster care represented here? There are vulnerable kids and families with established relationships at their schools who may have needs that the rest of us don't understand and can't articulate. Please consider implications for low-income families, new immigrants, refugees, etc. alongside the voices you'll hear from this survey. I'm not sure that boundary reviews can help with socioeconomic issues but please try to ensure they don't make things worse.	11/19/2018 3:46 PM
1417	I'm not sure what the policy is right now, but consideration should be given to children whose parents are divorced, and their parents live in two different catchments. They should be able to go to either school, and not be forced to declare a primary residence. Many parents have joint custody these days.	11/19/2018 3:46 PM
1418	- Use radius to make sure all homes within catchment are equal distance to school (currently, some families live across from schools that are not their catchment schools and have to travel). - Reopen schools that were previously closed	11/19/2018 3:45 PM

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1419	We need another middle school built for View Royal, too many students and not enough schools	11/19/2018 3:44 PM
1420	I think the Trans Canada highway is a natural border running north/south. Thetis Vale elementary students should go to Crystal View Elementary and be in Sooke district.	11/19/2018 3:43 PM
1421	The priorities for elementary aged kids & those of high school age are significantly different. For you get children proximity to home is a large concern. For older kids, choice of programs, vocational training & prep for post secondary takes precedence. One survey for all these students does not serve both of these groups equally.	11/19/2018 3:42 PM
1422	I support priority to catchment parents. Also, how will you identify the numerous parents who use "fake" addresses to get in catchment	11/19/2018 3:41 PM
1423	No	11/19/2018 3:40 PM
1424	No	11/19/2018 3:36 PM
1425	Maybe the less popular schools need more help to attract students to stay within the catchment?	11/19/2018 3:33 PM
1426	No	11/19/2018 3:30 PM
1427	Changing the enrollment priorities prior to changing the catchment boundaries will cause major problems for some families if one child was enrolled 'in catchment' and now siblings will be 'out of catchment'. You should not put families in this impossible situation. Also, families who agreed to enroll their children in French Immersion out of catchment, should be allowed to follow their children's 'pathway middle and high schools' instead of moving to their 'catchment' middle/high schools where they will have no friends. It is not fair to change the rules on these families part way through their children's education. No families expected these changes or planned for them.	11/19/2018 3:26 PM
1428	Keep in mind that if Oak Bay allows secondary suites, it may increase the number of children attending schools in the who have parts of Oak Bay in their catchment areas.	11/19/2018 3:26 PM
1429	Please consider starting the catchment shift starting with K and rolling it out over several years, rather than causing chaos to all current students and families.	11/19/2018 3:25 PM
1430	Please grandparent current enrollees (in catchment only).	11/19/2018 3:25 PM
1431	Instead of being bound by oddly shaped catchments, it seems that families should be able to attend the closest school to enable kids to remain in their neighbourhoods and to get to school safely.	11/19/2018 3:25 PM
1432	Make Rock Heights a french Immersion school. Consider integrating french Immersion and other specializations (such as soccer specialisation schools). Not even sure if this already applies but it always seems that special programs (challenge, hockey) only occur at non FI schools.	11/19/2018 3:25 PM
1433	Shift the boundary for Roger's school from glandford road to the pat bay highway.	11/19/2018 3:24 PM
1434	Many households, like ours, have separated or divorced parents. In our situation, the children spend half their time in each house hold. Therefore, we technically live in 2 different catchment areas. Wondering how the district will consider this...do we get to choose which catchment area to use or will the district ask families like these to choose based on some other criteria...?	11/19/2018 3:21 PM
1435	I want to know when I'll get to see the new lines that affect the catchment boundaries for our own house. This process is not transparent, and I'm concerned you'll only release new boundaries once *you* have decided them, *without* any real input from the families affected	11/19/2018 3:19 PM
1436	This is a tricky situation.	11/19/2018 3:18 PM
1437	Will not attend a school unless it is of the highest earthquake standards. I would support a significant increase in taxes to keep our children safe.	11/19/2018 3:18 PM
1438	There are many kids who are not currently attending the school that is in their catchment. This should become the exception rather than the norm. The school district needs to ask for more verification of address. Some people use the address of a house they rent out rather than the house where they live. They also use grandparents' addresses or whatever they can to get what they want. This is why some schools are overcrowded and also why some kids who actually live near their catchment school are now hearing that their catchment school is full. Kids should ideally go to the school closest to them. This means more and hopefully most kids walking to school. Less traffic. Less pollution. Less obesity. Quieter roads. Less chaos. More equitable distribution of resources.	11/19/2018 3:18 PM
1439	We need to monitor international student enrollment placing's and make sure children in Victoria are enrolled before international	11/19/2018 3:17 PM

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1440	I think this is a lazy approach to be honest. Building portables and changing the catchment boundaries seem like a Band-Aid solution, when what our district needs is more schools, and to expand the French Immersion program to every school in the district. The district needs to work more with the municipal governments and identify where the greatest needs are for new schools. My child is in one the of the largest intakes in the city (currently kindergarten). What's going to happen when her class enters middle school and high school? Will the class entering in 2019 be even larger? I want to know what the plan is to be prepared for growing families for the next 12 years, because that's what I need to do.	11/19/2018 3:17 PM
1441	French high school boundaries do not make sense.	11/19/2018 3:15 PM
1442	Planning on where your family lives, goes to school, location, priorities and peer groups are often long term. Changing what schools a family can attend (like what happened with the catchment priority changes last year - should have been grandfathered to reduce disruption) can have signifiant impact on families and learning outcomes.	11/19/2018 3:15 PM
1443	really consider travel time for highschool students with catchment boundaries	11/19/2018 3:14 PM
1444	I still think there needs to be some flexibility for those living on the borders of catchment boundaries	11/19/2018 3:14 PM
1445	Students in Catchment Pathways should move up within the pathway automatically.	11/19/2018 3:14 PM
1446	I had horrible experience with this - we moved to Belmont st - the street that is the border - my son wanted to go to central as went to Margaret Jenkins - we live 2 blocks from central because we were on one side of street of Belmont catchment was Landsdowne - I tried to talk to people - very difficult !!!! Caused distress to child before start of school - once school started it has turned out ok but child and unique circumstance was not considered - 4 other kids were in similar situation one child finally got into central because he was just not attending Landsdowne - he was accommodated but my child was expected to still go - we have a horrible catchment system and process in my opinion	11/19/2018 3:12 PM
1447	It would be better to remove Parent rooms in schools rather than place children in portables.	11/19/2018 3:12 PM
1448	I think it makes sense to prioritize catchment boundaries with residence location. Keep the specialized programs at schools/facilities that can actually accommodate their enrolment needs - if a student/parent wants access to a "special" program, they can commute to it (and they will, if it's that important to them). It's more important that the majority of kids get to attend school and make friends with other kids in their community (rather than forcing kids not in a "special"program to commute to a school outside of their community ... this can lead to social isolation in their home neighbourhood).	11/19/2018 3:11 PM
1449	Rockheights is not in the geographic middle of its catchment and that makes for some very long walks to school.	11/19/2018 3:09 PM
1450	The Thetis Vale area students should be a priority for allowing into the Colquitz/Spectrum stream. The placement of the highway should not be a factor when the galloping goose trail leads them safely, directly to both schools with limited interference of roads.	11/19/2018 3:09 PM
1451	I feel student should go to their catchments - however if a student is attending a school not in their catchment they should be able to go to the school they feed into so they are not separated from their friends.	11/19/2018 3:08 PM
1452	no	11/19/2018 3:07 PM
1453	This is a great idea	11/19/2018 3:07 PM
1454	Best of luck!	11/19/2018 3:06 PM
1455	Have you considered larger catchment areas with multiple schools in each thereby offering greater choice and the opportunity to develop programs of choice within local areas and encourage more inter school activities and pooling of school resources amongst fellow catchment area schools.	11/19/2018 3:05 PM
1456	Critters diff for elem vs middle or secondary based on how kids are travelling to school, more opportunity for kids to do program of choice in secondary will create better futures	11/19/2018 3:04 PM
1457	its inevitable and worthwhile to be ahead of a crunch - so great forethought and planning.	11/19/2018 3:04 PM
1458	I think that this review does not take into account the French catchment. We attend our French catchment but the survey offers no opportunity to discuss this. I think that perhaps we should look at offering French Immersion in more schools. It's a popular choice for many families.	11/19/2018 3:04 PM

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1459	Are there going to be special dispensations for unusual circumstances like ours?	11/19/2018 3:03 PM
1460	Siblings should be encouraged to stay in the same school as much as possible.	11/19/2018 3:03 PM
1461	not being able to cross a catchment when you come from an independent school like was done before is proving to be a great hardship.	11/19/2018 3:02 PM
1462	Again, I stress, the Trans Canada Highway is NOT a barrier!!! It is fully grade separated, and represents no danger to a child's transportation. The Old Island Highway is a dangerous barrier with heavy traffic volumes throughout the day As per my answer to #24, please consider major points of congestion for routes to school for those of us who are stuck driving to minimize impacts on everyone. I would be trapped in congestion every morning if my kids were to attend View Royal Elementary. I generally have no issues accessing Eagle View Elementary by car, walking or bike. Old Island Highway should be the barrier for Eagle View's Catchment. All neighbourhoods North and west of Old Island Highway have much safer and better transportation access of all modes to Eagle View than they do to View Royal Elementary. School bus service would be very easy to deliver to these areas. My kids could access a pick-up location on Atkins Rd, or Chilko Rd quite easily and safely.	11/19/2018 3:01 PM
1463	We live at 1227 Place, eldest daughter attends Cedar Hill now, am concerned younger daughter may have to go all the way to Lansdowne. I feel our catchment is being Lansdowne is unusual as Cedar Hill is much closer to us (15 minute walk versus 30 minutes).	11/19/2018 3:00 PM
1464	It seems a better system than hard catchment boundaries could be devised to give the system flexibility. Some sort of weighting of priority for incoming students by distance from potential schools seems more flexible.	11/19/2018 2:59 PM
1465	We appreciate the district looking into solutions to help all the students.	11/19/2018 2:58 PM
1466	As a parent of a child at SJD, I am shocked at the number of students who travel from out of catchment to attend school. This makes the roads unsafe, and the students less responsible for their own transport. Everyone has a catchment; everyone has a French immersion catchment. I would be happy to see more people attend the schools in their catchment.	11/19/2018 2:58 PM
1467	Na	11/19/2018 2:57 PM
1468	The school transportation issue must be addressed. Elementary and middle school children should not be expected to walk 4+ km to school or change public buses to get to publicly funded schools. Compared to the US or Calgary, where we lived previously, the situation in Victoria is unacceptable. Our school, Lansdowne doesn't have any bus service! How is that possible with the taxes we pay?	11/19/2018 2:57 PM
1469	Open Lampson School to provide actual classrooms instead of portables for elementary which would save catchment change or use it as French Immersion Middle School option within catchment.	11/19/2018 2:54 PM
1470	I would like to see Uplands and Richmond schools re opened as elementary or middle schools and to get rid of portables	11/19/2018 2:53 PM
1471	We need new schools in the the downtown core of Victoria.	11/19/2018 2:53 PM
1472	The problem as I see it is that French Immersion catchment and English catchments are different. I wish parents would stay in the neighbourhood they live in, regardless of English or French. Why should I be worried about my 3 year old son having a space at Campus View, where his siblings have attended and is within 5 minutes walk, because kids who live much farther away, but still in catchment, can take his spot?	11/19/2018 2:52 PM
1473	I would like siblings to be in the same school if the grade ranges accomodate this.	11/19/2018 2:49 PM
1474	Generally I don't think the needs of 2 family homes are well supported.	11/19/2018 2:48 PM
1475	Yes-please keep siblings and families together. When you have a lottery for French and your second child doesn't win-you are faced with either providing an education you do not want for your child (pulling first from French) to ensure one school, or having two drop offs, two sets of meetings, two sets of teachers etc	11/19/2018 2:48 PM
1476	The kids go school every day, and if they have to go to the school farther away than their siblings, it feel difficult for the parents to drop off/ pick up. In our area, there is not enough public bus service.	11/19/2018 2:48 PM
1477	no	11/19/2018 2:47 PM

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1478	It is difficult to respond to hypothetical border shifts. I feel that this round of input should lead to a proposed set of boundaries, at which point specific feedback should be sought about the proposed boundaries. At this moment we don't know whether we should be worried or not, since we don't know if we are affected or not. In fact, not knowing whether we might be affected is stressful in itself.	11/19/2018 2:46 PM
1479	View Royal has a few different areas, traveling down the TC1 is better then the Island highway. Also after visiting 3 middle schools last year, the one in our catchment SMS was not the best open house, it was petty bad compared to the GMS/CMS. and also the fact I would have to drive the oppsite way to take my other 2 kids to SVE/daycare in rush hour traffic. It would have given me additional 30-45 minutes commute on top of my current 45 to do drop off and get to work downtown. Also, there should not be a line down a street, that would mean the the kids on that side go to X school and the kids on the Y side do to a different school. It should be they all go to the same school.	11/19/2018 2:45 PM
1480	Would like catchment boundaries to be close to the neighbourhoods that the kids live in so the kids going to the school don't have to travel a far way.	11/19/2018 2:43 PM
1481	I hope the Open Houses scheduled for January/February to collect feedback on the proposed changes will be more than "consultation". I hope that the feedback will be taken seriously into account during the final decision phase. The feedback should not just be heard, it should be taken into account as well.	11/19/2018 2:43 PM
1482	No	11/19/2018 2:43 PM
1483	I hope that the school board is also looking at how to meet the needs of more children, where needed, who will come in or develop learning disabilities or other special needs. It's not just about finding a seat for a child, but about meeting their needs in such a way that they can safely learn and grow.	11/19/2018 2:42 PM
1484	Thank you for doing this!	11/19/2018 2:41 PM
1485	No	11/19/2018 2:41 PM
1486	Maybe some focus should be diverted to where programs are offered. When it comes to sports, it makes sense to keep that program as close to the facilities as possible. However, french can be offered in any (all?) school. We live within 5 block of 2 high schools but, for some reason, our french stream high school is 5 km away at Reynolds?????	11/19/2018 2:40 PM
1487	If we get effected by the change I would want priority to switch catchments for both my kids as we pre planned where we bought a house it's not just some thing we thought of last min	11/19/2018 2:38 PM
1488	no	11/19/2018 2:35 PM
1489	I am disappointed that the programs of choice do not provide any ability for parents of children with disabilities or members of minority (other than French Immersion) to identify as a Program of Choice (e.g., school that teaches sign language, a First Nations language, or other language important to maintaining one's heritage.	11/19/2018 2:34 PM
1490	put on your big boy pants and make everyone attend their own catchment schools wtf is traditional school of choice? Do they get a better education? I thought if u send your kids to a public school they should all be learning the same things from the same curriculum so there should be no better schools then others but thus is just not the case	11/19/2018 2:30 PM
1491	Please make it as transparent as possible	11/19/2018 2:28 PM
1492	Important that students can attend program of choice.	11/19/2018 2:25 PM
1493	We are a firm believer in matching students to the right school. One child at Cloverdale and one child at Claremont for the Lacrosse Academy. We are willing to drive extra, or make extra effort to find a school that matches my child's needs	11/19/2018 2:22 PM
1494	my street (carnation) opens off columbine, but is about 1/3kilometer long, such that our home on the one end is CLOSE to colquitz school, but the street address causes us to appear closer to glanford than we are, affecting the boundary. The walking path from the back of the complex means colquitz is a 2 minute walk from my home.	11/19/2018 2:21 PM
1495	I don't think its necessary given the data provided in this document about enrollment pressures, which seem minimal.	11/19/2018 2:21 PM
1496	No	11/19/2018 2:20 PM

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1497	No.	11/19/2018 2:20 PM
1498	Before our child started school we took a hard look at different areas in Greater Victoria and decided to move based on easy access to school for our child. We wanted them to be able to walk to and from school - elementary, middle and high school. Being close to UVic meant our housing costs were significantly higher but it was a good location for our family. It does irritate me that addresses are changed so people who work in the area can drop their children off at school which is close to their work. Our schools get crowded, after school care is completely full and there is always a waitlist and portables are needed to be built. I believe you buy your house or live in a area where you want your children to go to school. If schools are better in an area then you make the decision to live in that part of town.	11/19/2018 2:17 PM
1499	I think its a good idea, I think its time and a bulge in numbers is a good reason. I just hope you will think not just of evening the numbers (which is important) but at looking at walkability and neighbourhood boundaries as priorities--I think this is important for self-sufficiency of kids and for sustainability (less parent driving). I also wonder if middle/high school catchments must be based on which elementary or if there is some wiggle room for those schools to be based on distance from those schools too OR based on neighbourhoods or transport routes. The current model makes it so kids on the edges of the boundaries at elementary school are often in a strange catchment for middle highschool that is further than schools in a different catchment triad. Best of luck!	11/19/2018 2:17 PM
1500	Please look at foot traffic and the ability for kids to get safety to school walking or biking	11/19/2018 2:16 PM
1501	Get it right and then don't do this very often.	11/19/2018 2:16 PM
1502	Even as a parent at South Park, I support returning Cloverdale and South Park to regular catchment schools if it helps make French Immersion available to those who wish it.	11/19/2018 2:16 PM
1503	Last year's policy change scared us because it came before this catchment boundary review. It was infuriating that the district would signal its lack of receptiveness to transfers when the catchments are so poorly drawn. Your question regarding the importance of catchment schools to peoples' choices of where to live is a salient one: in light of last year's policy change, it really did cut a lot of areas out of where we were looking for a house. Unfortunately, though, there are fewer houses for buyers to choose from and renters are likely to take what they can get in this market. It's almost impossible to navigate those choices with your catchment policy thrown into the mix.	11/19/2018 2:16 PM
1504	Thetis vale should be in catchment for eagle view	11/19/2018 2:13 PM
1505	Siblings priority should be maintained. Additionally, the district need to learn from it's poor forecasting of student enrollment in the past. Current schools sitting empty should be used before more investment is made to existing schools. After school programs should be also considered as they are very important to parents when making decisions on which school to chose.	11/19/2018 2:06 PM
1506	Consider that some special needs children walk and bus to school. If catchments were change it could effect there ability to get to school independently.	11/19/2018 2:04 PM
1507	Nope	11/19/2018 2:04 PM
1508	Priority should be given to students in the area over all other considerations.	11/19/2018 1:59 PM
1509	just please consider the disruption this could cause to families IN the school system right now.	11/19/2018 1:56 PM
1510	High quality education is more important to our family than location of our schools.	11/19/2018 1:55 PM
1511	Questions 17 and 22 were biased and should have included an open answer field. Please don't repeat the same errors from the Enrollment Priorities survey. Portables exclude students from the regular school population and should not be a required option to continue programs of choice such as FRIM. French Immersion should not be in the same category as sports programs, as it has to do with the chance of learning our other official language.	11/19/2018 1:55 PM
1512	the boundary for French immersion elementary and middle school made no sense for us. we live between Doncaster and Lansdowne school. our "catchment" elementary FI school was willows....which made no sense and would require driving every day..... so we transferred to Doncaster ... then the new catchment became cedar hill middle school - which also made no sense from a proximity - kids safely getting to school perspective	11/19/2018 1:50 PM
1513	Please consider that in Victoria communities are strong. To be forced to leave would be devastating, especially if you had to go where you were not wanted	11/19/2018 1:49 PM

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1514	We fully supported the big changes in catchment policies, and would like any further changes to be aligned with those same policies. In that, kids should be able to attend a school in their neighborhood ALWAYS. Walking to school should ALWAYS be an option, and no child should be left without access to programs just because of their catchment.	11/19/2018 1:48 PM
1515	If they do change, I would hope that you return to sibling priority. I'm assuming you would let kids continue at their current school if their boundaries changed if they choose. I would hope that younger siblings would be able to follow in the same school, as dropping two elementary aged children in two different schools at the same time is difficult at best. Also, younger siblings start to feel comfortable and a part of the school community long before they attend, easing the transition for both the students and teachers in kindergarten. Also important for parent involvement enriching the culture of the school	11/19/2018 1:48 PM
1516	Make it easier for parents. Avoid long distances. Let kids go to the school closest to them.	11/19/2018 1:46 PM
1517	No	11/19/2018 1:46 PM
1518	Catchment boundaries need to be reviewed, but just as important, schools need to be re-opened. It is unacceptable that kids and teachers don't have classrooms, while whole schools are rented out to outside agencies.	11/19/2018 1:46 PM
1519	Feed elementary schools as a whole. Maintain the social relationships from elementary to middle. Allow specialty middle and senior high schools a larger (overlap) catchment.	11/19/2018 1:46 PM
1520	I'm not sure why this wasn't done before conversations were held with Eagle View parents and reassurances were made.	11/19/2018 1:46 PM
1521	We had to move out of my daughter's school catchment because renting in Victoria is not affordable. Because of that we had to move to the Westshore. I am just glad my daughter started Kindergarten last year and thus her spot was safe at her school. I would have been heart broken if she could not go to our school of choice simply because we could not afford to live in Victoria. Now my son will have to attend a different school when he starts school because we aren't in the correct area for our school of choice.	11/19/2018 1:44 PM
1522	Again, instead of re-juggling overflowing schools, the simplest solution is opening these neighbourhood schools again. Richmond? Uplands? Willows, Margaret Jenkins and Oaklands have taken on all the Richmond and Uplands catchment kids and are bursting at the seams. It is extremely important for Elementary schools to be small, community schools for the well being of young students, so that they are connected with staff, parents and students alike. I feel very sad that we're stuffing kids into overflowing 'super schools'.	11/19/2018 1:44 PM
1523	Consideration of parent's workplace should be made when determining where their children go to school. OR better options for after school care need to be implemented.	11/19/2018 1:44 PM
1524	The most important thing to me is to be able to have the choice of school despite the catchment area .	11/19/2018 1:44 PM
1525	I think it is important for families to be able to buy discounted student bus passes offered through the schools to enable them to get to school on their own (if out of catchment).	11/19/2018 1:43 PM
1526	Just really hope that kids get to continue on their natural pathway and friendships don't get broken because of this review. I know there are a lot of factors at play here but, think of the kids in Elementary schools especially. Middle School is scary stuff, please keep the kids together!!!! I know I'm not alone with kids that are attending from out of catchment but, life happens and kids can't stay close to their schools sometimes. I beg of you to let my kids continue on their pathway to graduate with their peers, that they've spent so many years developing a relationship with!!!	11/19/2018 1:42 PM
1527	Yes, the questions about what we value most changes with the age of the students and this was not captured in this survey: for elementary school and middle school, proximity to home is key for me whereas for high school, it is less important and choice programs are more important and worth students travelling to, so think a different policy needs to be applied to elementary schools (to emphasize catchment) whereas high schools should be allowed to continue having different choice programs.	11/19/2018 1:42 PM
1528	no	11/19/2018 1:42 PM
1529	No.	11/19/2018 1:41 PM
1530	It is concerning that there is a lack of French Immersion catchment schools. Ecole Marigold and Shoreline cover a huge area when it comes to French Immersion forcing families to travel long distances that are also bogged down by traffic congestion.	11/19/2018 1:41 PM



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1531	We struggled hard to find a rental that was affordable in this city that we thought would have the schools nearby that would better able to meet my autistic son's needs after talking with other parents (no matter what you say not all schools are equal regarding special needs kids). Then to find out the schools that are near to us aren't the catchment ones but ones that are really far away are so he wouldn't be able to get there on his own when he's older. We can't afford to move in this city and we just worry about what this will mean for him and his schooling.	11/19/2018 1:41 PM
1532	I'd love to know what alternatives have been developed to date -- the questions feel like they are pointed at options that have already been developed but have not been shared.	11/19/2018 1:34 PM
1533	Once accepted into an elementary school, students should be able to move along with the family of schools as done previously and not have to reapply for Middle and High school transfers. This just adds unnecessary stress for the students and the parents awaiting transfer acceptance.	11/19/2018 1:33 PM
1534	Is there the possibility of expanding some in-demand middle schools? (Ie Central)	11/19/2018 1:32 PM
1535	We want our catchment to change	11/19/2018 1:31 PM
1536	The catchment boundary assessment to allow children to attend a specific school needs to consider the impact to income if a family is placed in a position where they have to pay for childcare where they did not before.	11/19/2018 1:31 PM
1537	Please consider the kids that will be transitioning from elementary to middle and middle to high. Suddenly being told you have to go to a new school where you know nobody because of an imaginary line on a map is ridiculous.	11/19/2018 1:30 PM
1538	Again, personally, I would place high priority on the continued ability for families to access schools that suit one's preferences. We chose Cloverdale because it suits our son who struggles with an anxiety disorder. He takes comfort in the structure, routine, and uniforms as they provide consistency.	11/19/2018 1:29 PM
1539	Once again I would like it noted that I would like my children and others to stay on the pathway schools. My children want to stay with their friends regardless of catchment boundaries. Once a child has been accepted to a school they should have the security to know they will remain in that school. Also to know they will be transitioning with their friends to middle school and then senior high, regardless of their address. Please!!	11/19/2018 1:27 PM
1540	Please do not misinterpret the answers to number 22. That is a very broad question that did not ask HOW or WHY we would support access to programs of choice shifting.	11/19/2018 1:25 PM
1541	I just want more programs of choice.	11/19/2018 1:22 PM
1542	Don't drag the process out. The Active and Sage Routes study was such a gong show and a waste of time. Just make the boundaries.	11/19/2018 1:21 PM
1543	It is not an easy task and not everyone will be pleased with the results. I hope it works out to our benefit.	11/19/2018 1:21 PM
1544	My concern is that not all public schools are equal. Those in poorer areas have access to less resources and vice versa. Another concern is what is going to happen to Shoreline Middle School - it is in desperate need of remediation. New catchment boundaries need to be drawn for this school if enrolment is to be increased.	11/19/2018 1:21 PM
1545	I would like Cloverdale to stay a school of choice..	11/19/2018 1:19 PM
1546	We need more schools, what we have will not accommodate all the kids to be coming. I also would like to see better sensitivity training in EA staff, not just for how they talk to the students but for how they talk about the students	11/19/2018 1:19 PM
1547	I understand the need to make changes based on shifting demographics, but it's frustrating that the current issues have been exacerbated by the decision to close and sell school properties in the past. Long term population increases were not a surprise and were projected for the region. Increases to real estate prices are also not surprising - once school properties have been sold with time there is a diminishing likelihood that they can afford to be repurchased. Additionally, there is frustration that these changes are being applied to current students. We made a decision to attend a specific elementary school based on wanting to understand what middle and high schools our children would attend under the 'family' or 'pathway' system that was previously in place. To have the clarity of those pathways taken away partway through their school years is disruptive.	11/19/2018 1:19 PM

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1548	George jay needs more support for the ESL students and also for the english speaking high achievers. Kids are getting left behind as the school grows beyond the level of support it is receiving	11/19/2018 1:16 PM
1549	I think French immersion should be in more schools since it's so popular—make it accessible for kids so they can walk to it	11/19/2018 1:16 PM
1550	There are other programs offered in the schools which are not classified as programs of choice, but could have equal draw. My son was in CSE and Flex, but he left both programs because they interfered with the excellent Reynolds music program offerings. Perhaps there should be some arts-related programs of choice in the district.	11/19/2018 1:15 PM
1551	Many parents in our area of thetis vale and thetis lake area (Nursery Hill dr and part of Atkins and Chilco) have come out to meet with the district - I feel that the school district understood our concerns and hopefully heard what we needed to say and our arguments for being encompassed in or having boundary stretched to include us (rather than the highway as cut off point). I am hopeful that the district will do the best they can to accommodate our families and community as there are many of us who want this shift to occur.	11/19/2018 1:14 PM
1552	i would like to see the examples of what boundaries would change	11/19/2018 1:08 PM
1553	I would like if the catchments were the way they were before the change last year. I have two children, both with different needs. One needs to go to an out of catchment school and it will be next to impossible for her to get in based on the new rules.	11/19/2018 1:06 PM
1554	Its ridiculous. We live 5 minute walk from Glanford Elementary School and the catchment was a one hour and 2 bus rides away. Who is the person making up the catchment boundaries?	11/19/2018 1:04 PM
1555	good luck	11/19/2018 1:03 PM
1556	Will you open the Uplands campus for overflow?	11/19/2018 1:03 PM
1557	I am glad that the district is currently reviewing boundaries. While I know it's a complex issue and there is no one solution that is going to please everyone, with recent enrollment pressures and the addition of portables at many schools, it seems timely and necessary as enrollment continues to increase.	11/19/2018 1:02 PM
1558	Please do consider what parents needs are, we aren't being heard enough and concerns are real and we live them everyday.	11/19/2018 1:01 PM
1559	Somewhat related, but access to school buses should consider more than just distance from the school. It should also consider safety of walking/cycling routes with regards to traffic and lighting. And please continue to lobby BC transit to reduce the cost of a student monthly pass.	11/19/2018 1:00 PM
1560	Mainly how to mitigate the potentially negative impact for families with multiple children who might be on the border of a catchment boundary and whose children might be assigned different elementary schools should boundaries change even slightly. The idea is to make things easier for families, not harder. Also, a general comment is to look at the FRIM catchment boundaries for Marigold. Many families who are closer to Quadra or George Jay in the Tillicum Burnside area currently have Marigold as their catchment which is way out of the way to drive if you work in town and isn't all that accessible by bus.	11/19/2018 12:59 PM
1561	I think there are a lot of other things to consider... reopening schools that were closed a decade ago?	11/19/2018 12:58 PM
1562	The boundaries should be quite strict for elementary, and much more fluid for high school as students may choose schools for many different reasons. Programs, to be with friends, to be away from friends which are bad influences, to be near an after school activity or part time job, etc, etc.	11/19/2018 12:57 PM
1563	It would be nice if distance to the catchment schools could be taken into consideration.	11/19/2018 12:56 PM
1564	strongly want catchments to align with proximity to school	11/19/2018 12:53 PM
1565	Why do all schools need to follow the same policy? Why not have catchment 'rules' in place for schools that are seeing large increases in numbers only? We had the stress of applying as an out of district student so an undersubscribed school. Ultimately, we got in; but as our attending Cedar Hill freed us space at Lansdowne (which was at capacity), why not open up registration at Cedar Hill to everyone regardless of catchment?	11/19/2018 12:53 PM

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1566	I fully support having catchment children as the top priority (above all else) for enrollment, and the school district (and schools themselves) doing more to promote non-driving means of transportation to school. We see far too many kids being dropped off / picked up via vehicles, which adds congestion, increases hazards to our children trying to bike/walk home, and takes away dramatically from local neighbourhoods and the feeling of community where our kids play and go to school. It also increases diversity (social/ethnic) amongst our children if we keep to kids within the catchment vs. parents ferrying their kids to a "school of choice". We need to remove the misconceptions around certain schools being better for our kids, and offer up all the benefits of kids going to their catchment school (more free time not spent commuting - for both parents and kids, health benefits, sense of community, etc the list goes on).	11/19/2018 12:53 PM
1567	Number one consideration should be to allow siblings to stay be in the same school, if family wishes. Second, school space seems to be a limiting consideration, but your website indicates sd61 has 1000 international students. So your first step should be reducing the number of international students.	11/19/2018 12:52 PM
1568	This review is causing increased uncertainty for real estate. We would like to move for size/layout of home but do not want to make a decision if the catchment boundaries could change as we want our children to continue to attend neighborhood schools with their peers.	11/19/2018 12:51 PM
1569	Local schools and local catchment are important!!!!	11/19/2018 12:48 PM
1570	I hope families still have some ability to ask for different school options. Our current school catchment, Hillcrest, doesn't make sense based on where we live (south of Feltham). Travelling up to Hillcrest from this part of town is probably against the morning commute for most families/guardians. If you change catchments, consider traffic flows and the availability for out of school care (especially for elementary schools, where students are brought to school by their parents). Pls consider public transit routes for the middle and secondary schools. Thanks!	11/19/2018 12:45 PM
1571	NA	11/19/2018 12:44 PM
1572	Excess students in the catchment area can attend the schools were student population is decreasing. Don't want students over-crowding the schools that are already at capacity. Also, makes no sense for kids to be driven across town every morning (increased traffic volume and emissions). They must go to their nearest school.	11/19/2018 12:42 PM
1573	no	11/19/2018 12:36 PM
1574	Very disappointed that this did not occur for the 2019-2020 as promised.	11/19/2018 12:35 PM
1575	I think there are many people who have moved while their children have attended schools and they want to have little disruption to them and their peer groups. From a social emotional standpoint, taking students away from their family and their peer group and after school competitive sport programs does not make sense. If the students are already attending that catchment they should be allowed to continue that stream and complete their time in their stream. Peer groups, extra curricular activities and family time are extremely important and due to rising costs of real estate students who already attend Greater Victoria School district schools and streams should not suffer. The changes should effect only new students to register in the district from now on.	11/19/2018 12:32 PM
1576	No	11/19/2018 12:31 PM
1577	No	11/19/2018 12:26 PM
1578	I would like to see that if parents and teachers agree that the student will get more chances to flourish in a school other than his catchment school this should be possible. I understand that boundaries are crucial for younger kids (close to home, walking/biking distance etc), but at high school level boundaries should be less rigid and students' needs and interests should be prioritized.	11/19/2018 12:26 PM
1579	Burnside Gorge doesn't have its own Elementary or Middle schools	11/19/2018 12:22 PM
1580	w	11/19/2018 12:22 PM
1581	I believe you need to give the choice to families in current catchments whether they would like to continue sending their children (even those not yet at school age) to the current catchment school or the new catchment school if it changes. Anyone moving into the new catchment after the change has been made should not be given the choice. Upon registration families would need to show proof of residency BEFORE catchment changes to enrol in the school that is now out of their catchment. Also, I am worried that Richmond School is not seismically safe if reopened, and is quite run down.	11/19/2018 12:18 PM

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1582	Attending ones neighbourhood school is of lessening importance given parental work obligations, lack of availability of before and after school care, family commuting requirements and changes to the enrollment priorities. We could not afford a home in our former catchment area, but have no care available in our new one.	11/19/2018 12:16 PM
1583	No	11/19/2018 12:14 PM
1584	Question 22 is poor since it is not specific enough. I believe that schools of choice such as Cloverdale and South Park as well as senior school programs of choice should be moved to accommodate changing demographics as needed to ensure that more students can access their catchment school however I don't think French immersion should be included in the schools of choice question. I think that all schools should offer both languages but I don't believe french immersion should be moved since it is so popular that it should be available within a reasonably close commute to all catchments. I also think that before shifting French immersion programs adding additional portables that the district consider reopening school properties that have perhaps been leased out such as Richmond and uplands.	11/19/2018 12:13 PM
1585	You need to reopen Uplands elementary school to take pressure off of Willows elementary and maybe Richmond elementary too!	11/19/2018 12:12 PM
1586	I think that 2019 kindergarten students should have the option of enrolling late in their new catchment schools (if changed and a preferred school). Parents should be given the option.	11/19/2018 12:07 PM
1587	I think if students require special secondary programming (such as Challenge) then bus passes should be provided to low income families.	11/19/2018 12:05 PM
1588	I think it should be based on proximity to home, not a parents work place. Parents do not deserve special treatment so their child can have a school enroute to their work place. This would just increase demand for the schools closer to town.	11/19/2018 12:02 PM
1589	I think you should strongly consider re-opening Richmond Elementary	11/19/2018 12:02 PM
1590	Again, kids that are from Victoria should be placed in a school of their choice before foreign students are placed. This has been an issue with Oak Bay Highschool.	11/19/2018 12:02 PM
1591	I am worried about forcing individual students away from the cohorts that they have grown-up with.	11/19/2018 12:00 PM
1592	We want our kids in a safe yet fun and academically challenging/current environment whereby they can continue to follow older sibling(s) on the same French Immersion school path.	11/19/2018 11:59 AM
1593	(Re)opening additional schools seems to be the obvious next step given the influx of students. Naturally, that would lead to changes in the catchment boundaries. It is important to consider a grandfather policy to apply to students already enrolled in a school "family".	11/19/2018 11:55 AM
1594	Provide very clear reasons why there is a change. If it's a significant change it will need to be strongly supported. Especially by those living within the current catchment areas.	11/19/2018 11:53 AM
1595	This is ridiculous. Find a different solution. Be innovative. Stop degrading education with bizarre actions. End PD days. Educate our kids with high quality, professional teaching.	11/19/2018 11:52 AM
1596	Sometime the catchment boundaries for the different levels of schools might need to be different from each other. For example you can live across the street from Glanford middle but your catchment is Cedar Hill middle which would involve taking multiple transit buses rather than a 2 minute walk.	11/19/2018 11:52 AM
1597	A great emphasis should be made on getting all schools up to standard so that parents did not feel the need to transfer their children to a different catchment with a better school.	11/19/2018 11:48 AM
1598	I don't understand if catchment areas are going to change at middle school and high school level or will the feeder schools system remain the same. Don't do a survey without explaining this as my answers/opinions are different for elementary and middle school	11/19/2018 11:47 AM
1599	Would like my catchment changed to eagle view, not view royal. I live on Chilco. Daughter enrolling in Sept 2019, wish the catchments would have been reviewed before this time.	11/19/2018 11:45 AM
1600	No thank you, appreciate the easy online survey to contribute	11/19/2018 11:44 AM
1601	The amount of time and money wasted by this school board to determine his boundaries is ridiculous !!! You have wasted money and paren time and school board time !	11/19/2018 11:41 AM

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1602	I think the Secondary programs of choice seem to have a very large emphasis in this survey and yet don't really affect that many students, when considering the totality of the student population. I think they contribute significantly to the culture of theirs respective schools and should just remain located in those buildings and open to the district as a whole.	11/19/2018 11:36 AM
1603	Thanks for the opportunity for input!	11/19/2018 11:35 AM
1604	iterations should be shared with public, teachers, etc., with opportunity for feedback before final decisions are made. Look far ahead, growing trends and considering what will be needed 20-30 years ahead. Consider mulit use spaces. More shared space, with seniors, sports teams etc.	11/19/2018 11:34 AM
1605	Schools of choice was very nice to have for people who have odd work hours. Being able to have your kids close to where you work is great.	11/19/2018 11:30 AM
1606	Let's support community needs and ease of access by foot or bike to schools. Let's not support school systems that require lengthy commutes. This doesn't help to build a healthy community for a variety of reasons: traffic congestion, bad for the environment, disparate geographic school community.	11/19/2018 11:29 AM
1607	Other factors come into play when deciding on which school to send our children to, most notably quality of education and teacher engagement. We had a very negative experience with our child being bullied by her teacher at Lake Hill, and would never send another one of our children there.	11/19/2018 11:27 AM
1608	Please think about families that live very close to catchment boundaries and how a change in these can really affect students and their guardians. If boundaries change and a student needs to go to a different school than planned it can really effect transport needs and their social network. Especially in high school where relationships are more solidified. Perhaps consider tiers of boundaries where one is solid and then there is an outer circle where families in that area get priority to transfer over families in other parts of the city. If the District is thinking about opening school again such as the former Richmond an Uplands Elementary that must be considered in this review.	11/19/2018 11:27 AM
1609	There should be no preference given to children access outside the catchment area unless local students are already enrolled. All Students in the general proximity to the school should be guaranteed access to their local school	11/19/2018 11:27 AM
1610	Question 21 had a flawed design (as did others here). "What is most important to you when considering a school? (#1 being the HIGHEST level of importance and #3 being the LOWEST)." This should not have been force ranked, as it assumes that each choice is equidistant from the next. They aren't. This should have used a sliding scale.	11/19/2018 11:26 AM
1611	Walking proximity is of great importance to us.	11/19/2018 11:24 AM
1612	Serious consideration needs to be given on the effects to students that would be switching to middle school when the new boundary lines come into place. I think it would be so detrimental to split children that have gone through elementary together and then expect them to attend a 'new' catchment middle school.	11/19/2018 11:20 AM
1613	No	11/19/2018 11:19 AM
1614	I believe you are doing good work and that is very important for students to attend their catchment schools. This makes the schools more equally represented with all types of families. When kids are streamed to schools of choice, the students that are left are often the ones who do not have family support and the classes are no longer as strong and full of a variety of kids. I believe that a lot of our schools will change (for the better) with new catchment rules.	11/19/2018 11:16 AM
1615	I cannot emphasize enough that consideration needs to be given to home owners who purchased homes, representing a significant investment, based on current catchment boundaries. There needs to be a way to allow these families be 'grandfathered' in to current catchment schools. I.e. if you purchased a home prior to month X, 2020 you will have the option of attending schools based on previous catchments.	11/19/2018 11:16 AM
1616	Please consider carefully safe routes to school - both catchment and the closest school of choice (particularly French immersion, with its high anticipation rate). Keep priority of maintaining space for out of school care - these programs are essential for our community health.	11/19/2018 11:14 AM
1617	no	11/19/2018 11:13 AM
1618	I think being able to send your kids to the neighbourhood school is very important.It encourages them to walk as well as supports independence and it also creates a neighbourhood network, where kids and parents are familiar with one another.	11/19/2018 11:11 AM

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1619	I love that my children currently attend our catchment school, however as their needs change I would like them to have more flexibility in attending a program of choice for high school. What works for one age might not be applicable for another. This survey is somewhat limiting in that it doesn't reflect that needs and for our children may change as they grow, and a one size fits all solution rarely best meets the needs of children.	11/19/2018 11:11 AM
1620	I'm grateful to the school district for undertaking a review of the catchment boundaries. This review appears long overdue.	11/19/2018 11:10 AM
1621	I would like to move but don't want to until my second child is in school so I wish he could be grandfathered in because my daughter is already there..	11/19/2018 11:08 AM
1622	SD61 cancelled the late French program at Cedar Hill Middle school (0.5km from our house). In order to access the program we are forced to drive our child to Lansdowne. Because of this decision, we have two children attending two separate middle schools and now must drive our second child to and from school daily.	11/19/2018 11:07 AM
1623	No	11/19/2018 11:06 AM
1624	There are still a lot of people "cheating" the system including GVSD teachers, by lying about their address. The more kids that we can get into their neighbourhood schools the better - we originally wanted another school as it is closer distance to our house but we didn't fall into the catchment. We were team players and enrolled our child into the catchment - people in Victoria need to stop being so snobby and trying to get their kids into the "right" school. If everyone just went to their neighbourhood school we wouldn't have ghettoized schools like Craigflower.	11/19/2018 11:05 AM
1625	I think proximity of schools to homes is the most important and serves the greatest number of families.	11/19/2018 11:05 AM
1626	Create a ranking system to bring some choice into the system.	11/19/2018 11:04 AM
1627	no	11/19/2018 11:03 AM
1628	no	11/19/2018 11:02 AM
1629	The whole Cloverdale catchment was originally changed to Quadra rather than being divided by location, it should be redrawn to factor in distance to the elementary and also the middle schools.	11/19/2018 11:01 AM
1630	I am hoping to be able to send both of my kids to Doncaster for French immersion as this is our French immersion catchment school (lake hill doesn't offer French) my daughter starts K in 2020	11/19/2018 10:59 AM
1631	Exceptions need to be made for children who live in two different homes because of divorce. Schools were chosen that were central to both parents now living in different areas.	11/19/2018 10:55 AM
1632	Please give careful consideration to adequately funding programs and extra supports as needed (counselling, inclusive learning, meals, etc.) so that students can have equal access to quality education at their catchment elementary and middle schools. It's time to make a real push to ensure that students don't become further marginalized if their catchment school doesn't offer adequate support and opportunities.	11/19/2018 10:55 AM
1633	There is not enough non-union bound decision makers in the process. I do not have high hopes for the outcome.	11/19/2018 10:55 AM
1634	PLEASE more funding teachers and teacher's aids. Ecole Macaulay Elementary has a 9.2% percentage of special needs kids. We need to support these kids and have the proper staffing.	11/19/2018 10:54 AM
1635	Please do not ask current students to move to a different school. Please keep current students in the school they are currently enrolled at.	11/19/2018 10:54 AM
1636	Sports academies should remain at their current location and capped at a given size or arrangements made for kids to attend both their catchment school and take the academy program at a different school	11/19/2018 10:53 AM
1637	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.	11/19/2018 10:51 AM
1638	The Uncertainty created by constantly changing the rules and regulations and boundaries is not helpful. We feel that catchment boundaries are fine (if needed at all) and the uncertainty could easily be mitigated or eliminated altogether by eliminating the review entirely.	11/19/2018 10:51 AM
1639	Please do not change catchments.	11/19/2018 10:49 AM

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1640	In our case there seems to be little reason for the catchment to include our streets (Larkdowne Road). I would like to see the catchment map for Oak Bay High to include all homes up to Landsdowne Road.	11/19/2018 10:49 AM
1641	Grandfather the current students all the way through graduation. It can be extremely traumatic for a child to have to start middle school at a different school and know no one due to a catchment boundary change.	11/19/2018 10:49 AM
1642	No	11/19/2018 10:47 AM
1643	Perhaps another school within Greater Victoria should be built. Preferably one closer to James Bay.	11/19/2018 10:46 AM
1644	I would like to see measures taken to assure all students in Victoria have access to an equal education. Everybody should have the right to choose between a single track or a dual track school. PAC fundraising varies greatly among schools, I would like to see the district attempting to even out that funding between all schools.	11/19/2018 10:44 AM
1645	I want to be able to walk my child to school or have him walk. Our current catchment school requires him to take the bus while the amazing school he is enrolled in is only a short walk away.	11/19/2018 10:43 AM
1646	I think it is important to keep friends together also it makes for healthier and transition..	11/19/2018 10:40 AM
1647	Many people have purchased homes with catchments in mind. I hope you will bring in changes in a way that is sensitive to that - with a lot of notice, etc.	11/19/2018 10:35 AM
1648	Thank you for consulting with parents and school communities!	11/19/2018 10:35 AM
1649	I would like to understand what the new proposed boundaries are, why (the stats to back up the proposal) and if re-opening schools is an option to keep catchment the same.	11/19/2018 10:33 AM
1650	Yes children should be able to attend the school in their neighborhood ie esquamalt	11/19/2018 10:31 AM
1651	There are many reasons why students don't go to school in their catchment area (single parents, family had to move due to: death of a family member, divorce, loss of job, helping out with grandparents) etc. I feel it is imperative that children have the right to continue on in their pathway school if they were forced to move "physical address" while in elementary school so that they are now out of catchment. These students are our highest risk students, and to force them to switch pathway schools in middle or highschool because something that happened in their family forced their family to move (likely involved financials) is cruel to those students and highlights them even more for not having a stable childhood. My concern is for catchment boundary for middle and highschool. I feel that it is in the best interest of the children to go back to pathway school for middle and highschool so they are not ripped from their friend group after likely having a traumatic event going on at home. I hope the district would consider catchment for elementary, and then pathway school for middle and highschool.	11/19/2018 10:31 AM
1652	Na	11/19/2018 10:28 AM
1653	I believe that there should be very strict rules around proof of residency. We know a lot of parents that fake their addresses to get in to what are perceived to be better catchments. This is unfair to the kids that actually live close to the schools.	11/19/2018 10:25 AM
1654	With respect to questions about whether the catchment boundaries plays a role in current or future residence location, I just wanted to add that we are not planning to move from where we currently are while our kids are in school but when we bought our house 10 years ago, we definitely used the boundaries when choosing a house.	11/19/2018 10:25 AM
1655	For our family it's great the way it is. I'm very nervous about the proposed changes that could affect our current path for progression.	11/19/2018 10:24 AM
1656	Families should not be able to attend out of school catchments except in exceptional circumstances.	11/19/2018 10:22 AM
1657	No more portables please	11/19/2018 10:21 AM
1658	I believe with each school offering such specific specialty programs there should be more flexibility for out of catchment enrolments.	11/19/2018 10:21 AM

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1659	Supporting any plan that emphasizes the importance of community schools is essential, especially in k-5. A strong community school is a key component of a strong community. Additionally, catchment boundary reconsideration must include traffic and parking impacts. Parking is a constant issue at pickup and drop-off at my community school to the point that is is an ongoing safety concern. Luckily we can walk, but many parents can't or don't. Any plan that maximizes alternative transportation to and from school for parents and students, especially in k-5 when more students get dropped off and picked up, would be essential.	11/19/2018 10:20 AM
1660	We have schools sitting empty that could help solve the enrollment issue. This option should be revisited. Families currently in the system, should be "grandparented" in their current catchments and make a change going forward. People are invested in the area they have chosen for their kids.	11/19/2018 10:19 AM
1661	It is ridiculous to send kids many, many kilometres from their homes to go to school, in our case without any safety for the student (quiet dark streets to walk or early morning waiting for a bus downtown!) -- particularly when it rips them away from the much-vaunted-by-the-school-board school community that they have grown up with and been an active part of.	11/19/2018 10:19 AM
1662	Richmond school should reopen	11/19/2018 10:18 AM
1663	No, thank you.	11/19/2018 10:17 AM
1664	na	11/19/2018 10:16 AM
1665	Being flexible and allowing part time attendance to school at middle school level locally would make sense for us. If our local school can accommodate flexibility/accessibility it would be good.	11/19/2018 10:16 AM
1666	I don't agree with moving any kids already enrolled in a school. I think minimizing driving of kids to school is a worthy objective. But one way to do that is to allow families to keep their kids together in the same school (so if a sibling is already in one high middle school, then the younger one should also be able to attend there, and same goes for high school).	11/19/2018 10:15 AM
1667	I would like siblings in the same school to be the 1st priority in terms of determining class composition, then in catchment	11/19/2018 10:14 AM
1668	no	11/19/2018 10:14 AM
1669	There should be a major focus on pre/post care as most family's have both parents working. People are selecting schools based off their ability to get pre/post care.	11/19/2018 10:13 AM
1670	its needed.	11/19/2018 10:10 AM
1671	Demand for some programs of choice, particularly French immersion, creates incredible stress on some schools. My children's catchment school is currently experiencing a growing level of pressure on resources because the French program, which is nearly always full, occupies up to 2/3 of the available space in the school. While I support parents' access to programs of choice, I am concerned that catchment students whose parents did not choose French immersion may be squeezed out of current French immersion schools if boundaries are redrawn to reduce catchment size without creating additional sites for programs of choice. I would like to see schools that were closed due to declining enrolment (e.g. Richmond) reopened to reduce some of this pressure, and diversified sites for programs of choice to reduce crowding in schools like Willows, Campus View, and Doncaster.	11/19/2018 10:08 AM
1672	Keep the existing boundaries and add portables	11/19/2018 10:07 AM
1673	thanks for asking for input!!	11/19/2018 10:06 AM
1674	Please do not penalize children halfway through their pathway. Commence the change for all K-students.	11/19/2018 10:05 AM
1675	I hope the change in catchment in will not effect the families who wish to stay in their current school.	11/19/2018 10:04 AM
1676	I feel there are too many students not going to catchment schools.	11/19/2018 10:04 AM
1677	I feel that programs of choice are just that. If parents want to enroll their children in program of choice then transportation to these programs are their responsibility. The primary focus in boundary issue is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment in a close by neighbourhood school where children can make friends and learn with kids from their own neighbourhood. The enrollment at a few of our elementary schools is larger than some middle schools and I feel that opening up buildings that were closed down would alleviate some of that congestion.	11/19/2018 10:02 AM



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1678	I hope that siblings will be allowed to be with each other at the same school.	11/19/2018 10:00 AM
1679	Please use common sense. Evaluate the area and population so you do what makes sense vice what's easiest. It would be nice to keep SD61 kids in SD61. Please make better decisions this time.	11/19/2018 10:00 AM
1680	I think it is important that schools are running close to capacity - not significantly below nor significantly above.	11/19/2018 9:57 AM
1681	Being able to walk to school is important. Currently my child would bus past a school they can walk to if they were to attend catchment middle school.	11/19/2018 9:56 AM
1682	It's important to maintain community and proximity to schools that children can walk/ride to. Adding a dimension of parent involvement with driving distances during the mornings/afternoons due to catchment boundary shifts are problematic.	11/19/2018 9:52 AM
1683	Be careful and mindful. Think about all the impacts. SD61 has a history of favouring high socio economic areas - this needs to change	11/19/2018 9:49 AM
1684	I would like to see closed schools open up to relieve some of the pressure on the jam packed schools we have now.	11/19/2018 9:49 AM
1685	I can appreciate the demand from parents and community to have a say in how catchment boundaries are decided, but honestly, the families who need access to their local schools and resources because of multiple barriers to education should be our priority as a district, not whether French Immersion parents are happy.	11/19/2018 9:48 AM
1686	Good luck! We moved here from Vancouver because catchments and boundaries are such a mess there. It is worth trying to correct. If space permits, consider grandfathering in current students when they transition to middle and high school according to previous catchment boundaries. Perhaps as a second priority, after new incatchment students.	11/19/2018 9:47 AM
1687	I was heavily involved in the previous sibling/catchment debate and feel the district is grasping at too many temporary solutions and reacting to what's happening. I agree things need to be done, but feel like anyone that is CURRENTLY ENROLLED is constantly looking over their shoulder wondering when we're going to be impacted. As long as the district SERIOUSLY considers current students and family (siblings, CURRENT catchment and cohorts/pathways), then it's fine. I don't think it would be fair to not allow current families to continue down their current path if people are drawn out of catchment. Moving closer simply isn't an option for most.	11/19/2018 9:47 AM
1688	Catchments have been there for a long time. People know when they buy their house they're in a certain catchment. The lines shouldn't be changed purely because parents don't like a school. For example, many people try to avoid shoreline because it's sort of been neglected and is a bit of a dump. When combined with other issues there, it becomes undesirable and people want to avoid it. Catchments should be changed only for reasons that make sense, not because of entitlement.	11/19/2018 9:47 AM
1689	The previous decision to not allow students from outside the catchment areas that are currently enrolled in either elementary, or middle school NOT to be allowed to continue on in that stream is far more disruptive to the students than if new students in the neighbourhood were to not be able to attend their local school.	11/19/2018 9:45 AM
1690	Nope as I am happy with where my children will attend school.	11/19/2018 9:45 AM
1691	I don't know how you fix this, but I feel a lot of people go out of catchment due to hearsay/rumour - before our son started school, we got told not to send him to our catchment school (Craigflower) because it was a "bad" school. Almost all of the kids in our neighbourhood go out of catchment, I presume for similar reasons. We decided to go to Craigflower anyway and we love it... our neighbours' opinions sure feel like racism :( Also: I feel like people who want "programs of choice" should be willing to make the effort to go out of catchment to get them. Don't make it hard for neighbourhood kids to get into their own school because kids are coming from away for the programs of choice.	11/19/2018 9:44 AM
1692	Offering special programs to students outside of the catchment and maybe offering a shuttle bus option. That way the child stays within catchment making drop off/pick up better for the environment and easier on families but not shutting down programs that may benefit the children because it is offered in a different catchment.	11/19/2018 9:43 AM
1693	Don't change the open door policy and the ability to attend the school that best meets your family's needs.	11/19/2018 9:43 AM

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1694	I'm concerned about how projected enrollment is calculated and that space in schools is allocated. I'm sad to see music rooms, tech rooms, science storage cupboards, sensory rooms, fitness studios being changed into classrooms. These spaces should be sacred within schools as we are taking away learning opportunities for our students. The district needs to consider reopening schools and I'm very disappointed that reopening schools is not included in this survey at all. If you want to get an accurate picture of parents view on our over crowded schools why did you not ask about reopening Richmond or uplands? Why were parents not asked about how they feel about having adequate access to gymnasiums? To sensory rooms, computer labs, fitness studios? Administrators, Inclusive educators and councillors having their workspaces taken away or modified to make room for tiny classrooms? Not to mention classrooms in boiler rooms...	11/19/2018 9:43 AM
1695	I would like to see a map of the potential changes; I would be better able to give an opinion at that point.	11/19/2018 9:42 AM
1696	I think it's just important to make choices and follow through, not then letting principals allow transfers even if they have open seats.	11/19/2018 9:40 AM
1697	no	11/19/2018 9:40 AM
1698	I really hope that they allow more flexibility for families. I think that when the boundaries were put into place it effected many people... and not in a good way... not being able to follow your peers when you move from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school has tremendous effects on kids... both socially and academically.	11/19/2018 9:40 AM
1699	With all the construction in the 6 Mile area perhaps a new school should be built out this way.	11/19/2018 9:40 AM
1700	please respect that many people purchased their homes in the catchment - so please respect	11/19/2018 9:40 AM
1701	Contingency may be needed for students who currently attend their catchment school and then get a new catchment school. They may want to stay where they are as they have friendships built etc.	11/19/2018 9:39 AM
1702	We have gotten used to having to drive to access French immersion, however, it would be nice to have that access closer to home. Thanks.	11/19/2018 9:38 AM
1703	Some of the questions were difficult to answer because we bought our house pre-kids and did not think about schools - we are fortunate that it worked out as well as it did, but my answers may not have reflected the value of an accessible catchment school with programs that I value	11/19/2018 9:37 AM
1704	Trying to accommodate the needs of a large group looking for French Immersion that is not currently getting it.	11/19/2018 9:35 AM
1705	n/a	11/19/2018 9:32 AM
1706	I feel that many parents are still going head over heels to prove catchment and that many still use grandparents residences to receive mail as proof of residency. This is a big concern of mine. I also feel that choice programs take on too much of a priority and that close proximity to school and where a child lives is most important.	11/19/2018 9:32 AM
1707	no	11/19/2018 9:29 AM
1708	-I feel that opening schools should be a priority and that it should be done simultaneously with a boundary review. Doing a boundary review without the opening of new schools seems to be short sighted.	11/19/2018 9:04 AM

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1709	<p>From our house there are FOUR elementary schools closer that are closer to walk to than our catchment school (see details at end of this comment). I think this is a problem with the catchment maps. Also, our catchment middle school is twice as far away as another middle school, limiting our transportation options. I know that Cloverdale Traditional was set up a few years ago because the school had low enrolment and was in danger of closing, but I think it is time to let neighbourhood students have priority. It doesn't matter to me if it stays traditional or is a regular public school, but it should give first priority to the kids that live in the area. I want to teach my son to use environmentally-friendly transportation choices. Walking to Quadra from our house takes too long. Instead, we choose to take the bus, and I buy a bus pass I wouldn't otherwise purchase. At our location, 1186 Palmer Road, the walking distance to Quadra school is 32 minutes according to Google maps and using our actual safe walking route, which is 1 street off of Quadra. Walking along some sections of Quadra is a bit too dangerous for a zig-zagging child that tends to bump me over :-). Google maps walking times from 1186 Palmer Rd: Cloverdale : 16 minutes Braefoot : 19 minutes Doncaster : 24 minutes LakeHill : 29 minutes Quadra (catchment) : 32 minutes for the safe route, 27 minutes along Quadra In reality, all these times are much longer with a 7-year-old, but this gives you a good comparison. For middle schools from 1186 Palmer Rd: Cedar Hill : 26 minutes Landsdowne: 49 - 52 minutes (the short route involves crossing busy Maplewood at a place where there are no crosswalks and no sidewalk, so 52 minutes accounts for the time to get to the nearest safe crossing).</p>	11/19/2018 9:01 AM
1710	<p>This survey is flawed and does not allow for answers to question that may be different for students who are already in school and those who will be entering school. For example, I have 2 children currently enrolled, and 1 who will be enrolling for 2020.</p>	11/19/2018 8:42 AM
1711	<p>Na</p>	11/19/2018 8:26 AM
1712	<p>It's an important process to go through.</p>	11/19/2018 8:25 AM

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