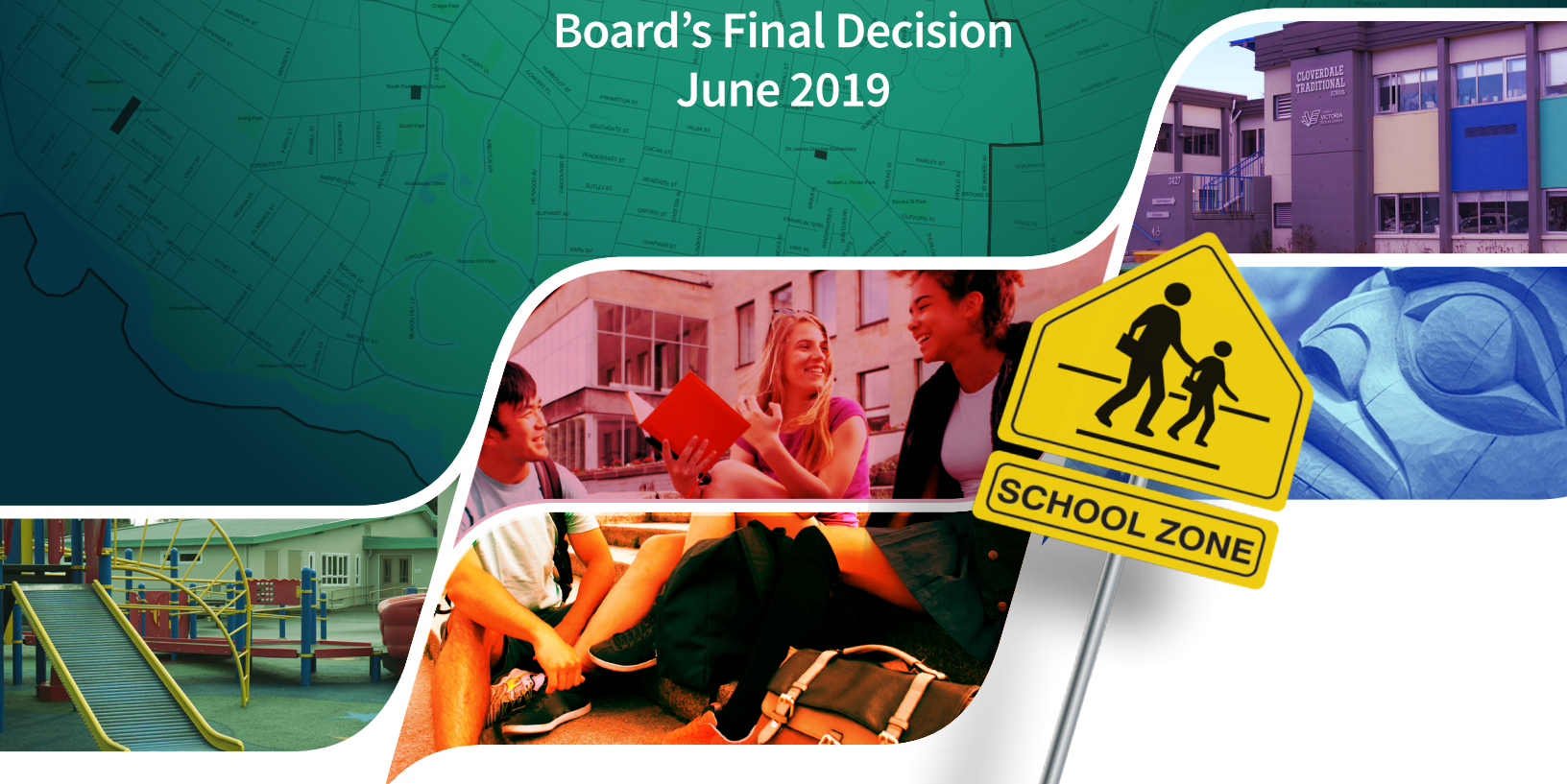




School District No. 61 Catchment Boundary *Review*

Board's Final Decision
June 2019



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Introduction

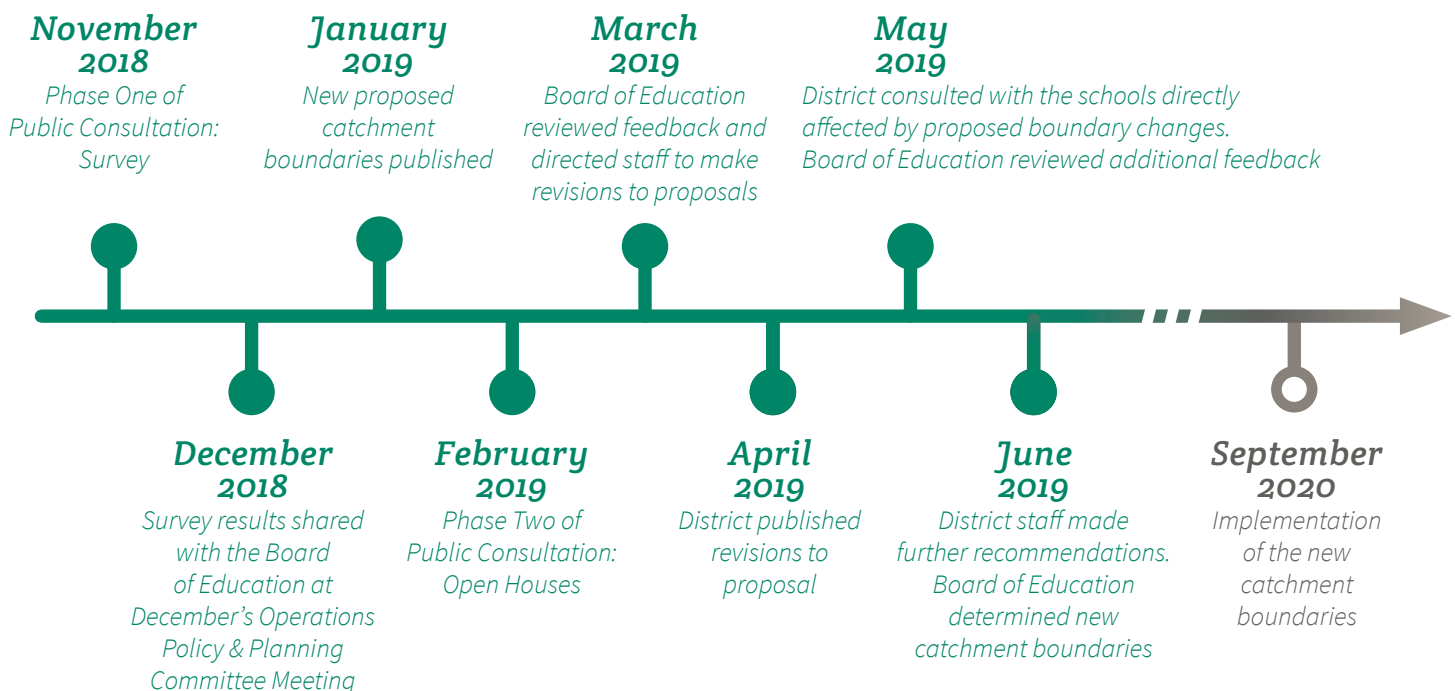
Over the past year, the Greater Victoria School District has been conducting a catchment boundary review due to increasing student enrolment and limited space in some of its schools.

The District last reviewed catchment boundaries approximately 20 years ago. Since then, there has been considerable growth in the Greater Victoria region and a significant increase in the District's student population. In the past four years, the District has seen nearly 1,000 additional students register in its schools. Some schools are full and long-term projections indicate a steady increase in the student population over the next 10 years.

The purpose of the review has been to identify the need for space, to present options and to engage with the community in a discussion about the possibilities and feasible solutions that will help alleviate overcrowding in schools, balance enrolment across the entire District to prepare for future enrolment pressures, and provide the most optimal learning environment for all of its staff and students.

This brochure outlines the Board of Education's final decision on the boundary review recommendations.

The Boundary Review Process





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Overview of Boundary Changes

Introduction of three new elementary catchment boundaries (South Park, Cloverdale, Bank St.) to address population density in the core area of Victoria and Southern Saanich.



The District will no longer offer Elementary Schools/Programs of Choice.

The Quadra Elementary catchment will be reduced through the creation of a Cloverdale boundary.



The current Oaklands Elementary boundary will be reduced. The former portion will become the Bank St. School catchment.



The facility on Bank St. will open up as an elementary school in 2020. The school would be a single-track school. Students in this catchment who wish to enroll in French Immersion would attend Margaret Jenkins.



NOTE: *The school on Bank St. will not necessarily be named Bank St. School but for description purposes it is named as such in this document to clearly communicate the upcoming changes.*

The James Bay Elementary and Sir James Douglas catchments will be impacted through the creation of a South Park catchment for the James Bay and Beacon Hill area, and portions of Victoria's downtown core.



George Jay's catchment will become smaller with the introduction of the Bank St. and South Park catchments and changes to the Quadra catchment.



The catchment area that was described as Victor will become the Bank St. catchment, expanding into the Willows catchment and part of the current Oaklands catchment. This will reduce enrolment pressures at Willows.



Willows catchment will increase in the north. The Lansdowne slope will become a part of the Willows boundary.



The southern portion of Torquay Elementary catchment will become part of the Hillcrest catchment.



The catchment boundaries will be implemented in 2020 and will be in alignment with the District's student enrolment priorities.





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Overview of Boundary Changes continued...

Reopening of Richmond Elementary as a middle school South Campus for Lansdowne. Richmond will serve the Grade Six cohort.



Adjacent boundaries between Quadra, Doncaster, and Braefoot will be incorporated into the Braefoot school boundary.



The Tillicum catchment will be reduced through the creation of an expanded catchment for McKenzie and an adjusted catchment for Quadra.



Small changes will be made to the Lake Hill and Braefoot boundaries to better realign these areas with improved walk routes.



The northwest boundary of Strawberry Vale will be expanded to incorporate the eastern portion of Eagle View.



A small portion of the Macaulay catchment will be added to Craigflower's catchment.



The Thetis Vale area of View Royal will become part of the Eagle View catchment.



A small portion of Shoreline that is north of the Gorge will feed Spectrum instead of Esquimalt High.



A new enrolment priority* has been introduced to accommodate families with siblings that will be affected by the boundary changes.



Revisions to school catchment pathways:



- » English Doncaster students will transition to Reynolds.
- » Students at Oaklands and Bank St. will become a part of the Oak Bay Family of Schools.
- » Rogers Elementary students will transition to Glanford Middle then continue to Reynolds Secondary.
- » South Park will transition students to Central Middle then Vic High.
- » Cloverdale will transition students to Cedar Hill then Reynolds Secondary.
- » Quadra students will transition into Lansdowne then Vic High
- » French Immersion Margaret Jenkins students will transition into Lansdowne then Oak Bay High.

* Student Enrolment Priorities:

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| 1) re-enrolling students | NEW | 3.5) A non-catchment sibling impacted by a change to a catchment boundary | 4) a non-catchment sibling |
| 2) a catchment area sibling | | | 5) a non-catchment child |
| 3) a catchment area child | | | 6) a non-school district child |



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Enrolling In New Catchments

The District understands the importance of keeping siblings together at their neighbourhood school. In the event a family's catchment changes while a student is enrolled and a sibling is still waiting to register, there will be three options available to families:



1

The student enrolled can stay in their current school until the next school level transition (elementary to middle, middle to secondary);

2

If a student is enrolled in a school where the catchment boundary changes, then the student can apply for a transfer to their new catchment school;

3

A new incoming student can apply for a transfer to attend the same school their older sibling(s) attends and would receive a non-catchment sibling priority. The District will give special attention to sibling transfer requests and will facilitate these requests as space permits.

Students that are currently enrolled will be allowed to remain in their currently assigned schools until the next school level transition. New student registrations in 2020 will need to register at their new catchment school. The District's new student enrolment priorities will continue to apply to all registrations.

The District prioritizes catchment students registering at their catchment school and limits the number of student transfers to ensure that there is enough space available for students who reside in the catchment. The District will continue to facilitate transfers where it determines there is space available at the requested school.

School Catchment Pathways

English Program Catchment Pathways

Esquimalt Family of Schools					
Elementary School		Designated Middle School		Designated Secondary School	
Macaulay	○	→	Rockheights	○	
Victoria West	○				
Craigflower	○	→	Shoreline		○
View Royal	○				
→ Esquimalt High					



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English Program Catchment Pathways, continued...

Lambrick Park Family of Schools

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Hillcrest	Gordon Head	Lambrick Park Secondary
Torquay		

Mount Douglas Family of Schools

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Campus View	Arbutus	Mount Douglas Secondary
Frank Hobbs		

Oak Bay Family of Schools

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Margaret Jenkins	Monterey	Oak Bay High
Willows		
NEW Bank St.		
NEW Oaklands	Lansdowne	

Reynolds Family of Schools

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Braefoot	Cedar Hill	Reynolds High
NEW Cloverdale		
Lake Hill		
NEW Rogers	Glanford	
Doncaster	Cedar Hill	



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English Program Catchment Pathways, continued...

Spectrum Family of Schools

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Eagle View	Colquitz	Spectrum Community
Marigold		
Strawberry Vale		
Tillicum		
NEW Cohort Splits McKenzie		
Northridge	Glanford	

Victoria Family of Schools

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
George Jay	Central	Victoria High
James Bay		
Sir James Douglas		
NEW South Park		
NEW Quadra	Lansdowne	





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French Immersion

The District will continue to review the Program of Choice - French Immersion on an annual basis to maximize the number of available seats that the program can offer parents and students.

The District's Early French Immersion Program continues to be in a growth phase with new incoming cohorts at George Jay Elementary. The proposed changes connected to the boundary review are school catchment pathway changes to ensure program viability in future years.

The changes to French Immersion catchment pathways are reflected below.

Early French Immersion Program Catchment Pathways (Kindergarten or Grade 1 Entry)

Elementary School		Designated Middle School		Designated Secondary School
Macaulay	○	Shoreline	○	Esquimalt High
Marigold	○			
NEW Margaret Jenkins	○	Lansdowne	○	Oak Bay High
Willows	○			
Campus View	○	Arbutus	○	Reynolds Secondary
Doncaster	○	Cedar Hill	○	
George Jay	○	Central	○	Victoria High
Sir James Douglas	○			
NEW Quadra	○	Lansdowne	○	

Late French Immersion is a third entry point into French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One being the first two) that the District offers. It is a District Program of Choice that is reviewed annually.