

NEWS RELEASE

Westside Catchment & French Immersion Programming Review Update

October 7, 2021

On September 16, 2021, Central Okanagan Public Schools issued a news release that stated the Board of Education had approved a catchment and French Immersion Programming review for the Westside Family of Schools. Since then, a Thought Exchange survey was provided to stakeholders to provide thoughts and engage with the other ideas proposed in their community.

A Thought Exchange survey is a tool to gather considerations from stakeholders only. Considerations are ideas only, they are not recommendations and may not become part of the final recommendations by staff to the Planning and Facilities Committee (scheduled for January 19, 2022).

At this time, no decision has been made by the Board of Education. The Board of Education will make a final decision at the January 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting per the timeline below.

At the October 6, 2021 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, a recommendation was approved to revise the existing Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review timeline. The timeline is illustrated below.

Date	Description
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	Themed Thought Exchange considerations to be provided to the
(please note date change)	Planning & Facilities Committee.
November 17, 2021 to	Survey for feedback forwarded to community members on the
December 4, 2021	themed considerations presented above.
Late November 2021	Public engagement session on themed considerations at Mount
	Boucherie Secondary School (subject to public health restrictions).
	Additional sessions may be scheduled.
January 5, 2022	Staff recommendations provided to the Planning and Facilities
	Committee.
January 5 – 12, 2022	Survey for feedback forwarded to community members on staff
	recommendations presented above.
January 19, 2022	Staff recommendations reviewed by Planning and Facilities
(Special Planning and Facilities	Committee to determine Committee recommendations to the
Committee Meeting)	Board of Education.
January 26, 2022	The Board of Education to make decisions on catchments and
	French Immersion programming as well as timelines for changes

All pertinent information related to the review can be found on the consultation website.

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For comments, please contact: