



December 4, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a follow up to our November 26 letter, we are providing more details about the upcoming Board of Education consultation process regarding a potential grade alignment at our district's rural elementary schools. More specifically, the purpose of this letter is to provide further details about the consultation, timelines for the process, and the manner in which parents may provide feedback.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Upper Sumas Elementary School, we will host a public consultation meeting. This will be for parents whose children attend Barrowtown Elementary and Upper Sumas Elementary Schools. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide parents with the details related to the issues before the Board, and to secure feedback. We will also hold a later follow-up meeting at each of the impacted schools (dates to be announced) for further discussion as needed.

In advance of the first meeting, we will distribute a briefing document outlining various details of the issues to ensure you have time to review it and provide thoughtful feedback. This information will also be posted on the district website (at: <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/board/consultations>).

In addition, we have established a dedicated email address to submit feedback for the Board: feedback@sd34.bc.ca. To ensure your comments are received, **please direct all email correspondence on this issue to this address**. Further, if you wish to send a written letter to the Board, please address it to:

Abbotsford Board of Education,
2790 Tims St.
Abbotsford, BC V2T 4M7
Attn: Secretary-Treasurer's Office

Finally, in accordance with Policy 7, parents wishing to register as a delegation for the February 23, 2016 Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education, when the Board will formally deliberate on this matter, should contact the Office of the Secretary Treasurer at cheryl_mcleod@sd34.bc.ca by February 16, 2016.

Your feedback is important to this consultation process, as we aim to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Godden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Godden
Superintendent of Schools