



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
of  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)**

**Schedule 3(e)**

**of the**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM  
(Regular)**

**MEETING DATE:** 2009-02-12

**TOPIC: ANNIE DALE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL – SITE #042 –  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS RE: POSSIBLE  
SCHOOL CLOSURE**

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Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 is located at 9744 – 176<sup>th</sup> Street. Students in this school are enrolled in the Traditional program which is a district program. The students come from several school catchments throughout the school district.

Although the facility requires upgrading and a municipal sewer connection, there are significant safety concerns related to access to/from the school site.

The school is located on the interchange of two major highways (Highway #15 and Highway #1). Furthermore, a new truck route is planned on 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue to link with a new Golden Ears Bridge to Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows, resulting in increased traffic concerns for this area. The school will be isolated within the proposed business park, and will be 'land locked' by three major highway routes. It is anticipated that this area will be in transition from rural residential to light industrial within five years, fueled by the planned opening of Golden Ears Bridge, demand for business park development and planned perimeter truck route connections.

There is no access from 176<sup>th</sup> Street (Highway #15) except for emergency vehicles. The only safe access route is through 177<sup>th</sup> Street and 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue via an intersection at 179<sup>th</sup> Street and 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is currently not signalized. The site, adjoining properties and the site's access route are within the area designated "Business Centre" in the General Land Use Plan.

As a result of site restrictions, changes to the surrounding land use of the area, reduced accessibility and health and safety concerns for the current Anniedale Traditional school site, the school district needs to consider closing the school and relocating the Traditional Program.

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Due to the lack of alternative sites for relocating the Anniedale Traditional Program in the northeast area of the school district, alternative move location considerations of all schools with surplus space has been conducted. Two potential sites were identified for the move, MB Sandford Elementary and McLeod Road Elementary. After thorough review it was determined that the space shortfall issue at MB Sandford Elementary would be resolved with a boundary move from Chimney Hill Elementary. The planning strategy supports relocation of the Anniedale District Program to the Newton Area and McLeod Road Elementary is the most appropriate location. The current regular and French immersion enrolment at McLeod Road will be moving to the new Woodward Hill Elementary School (now under construction), making this site available for a district program location by 2010-2011.

In view of these findings, staff is recommending a consultation period of no less than 60 days commencing 2009-02-12. Discussion will include, but not be limited to:

- options that the Board considered as alternatives to closure
- implementation plans, including phasing timing of the possible closure
- implications of the possible closure
- possible future community growth in the area of the school
- contents of written submissions presented to the Board by members of the community

and the above consultation process will be done in accordance with Sections 73 and 168(2)(P)) of the *School Act* and the recently released related Ministerial Order 194/08. This will also comply with Board Policy #6801 and Regulation #6801.1 which have recently been revised to support the *School Act* (awaiting approval from the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey)) and the recently released Ministerial Order.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

THAT the Board direct staff to continue the review process related to the possible closure of Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 located at 9744 – 176<sup>th</sup> Street, in a manner that is in accordance with the requirements of Ministerial Order #194/08 under the authority of sections 73 and 168(2)(P) of the *School Act*; and

THAT the Board receive the findings of the review process by 2009-12-31, or sooner.



Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

W. D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

M. A. McKay, Superintendent