



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

**Schedule 3(c)**

**of the**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM  
(Regular)**

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

**TOPIC: EAST CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL– SITE #101 –  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS RE: POSSIBLE  
SCHOOL CLOSURE**

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East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 located at 18680 – 72 Avenue is the primary age (K-3) facility that aligns with its intermediate age (G4-7) Clayton Elementary School – Site #013 sister school. This is the only K-7 program in the district that is housed in separate facilities on separate sites.

There is a realignment of the Clayton general land use plan that apportions land east of 188<sup>th</sup> Street into the East Clayton Neighbourhood Concept plan. This realignment has resulted in increased population growth to the eastern School boundaries of East Clayton and Clayton Elementary schools. The District, as a result of the increased student population, has begun construction of Hazelgrove Elementary School – Site #203 which will be completed for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

With redrawn school boundaries taking into account the new school, significant enrolment decline at East Clayton and Clayton Elementary schools, will occur.

In reviewing the attendance area alternatives available, 4 (four) options have been assessed:

Alternative #1 – Keep both Clayton & East Clayton Elementary open

Alternative #2 – Consolidate enrolment at Clayton Elementary (close East Clayton)

Alternative #3 – Consolidate enrolment at East Clayton Elementary (close Clayton)

Alternative #4 – Close Clayton and East Clayton Elementary.

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Alternative #2 - Consolidate enrolment at Clayton Elementary and close East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 is the recommended action.

This recommendation is based on future student enrolment projections for the Clayton and East Clayton land use areas and allows the rural atmosphere of a country school to be maintained.

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 East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 located at 18680 – 72 Avenue 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
M. A. McKay, Superintendent