



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

**Schedule 3(d)**

**of the**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM  
(Regular)**

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

**TOPIC: SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY– SITE #038 – PUBLIC  
CONSULTATION PROCESS RE: POSSIBLE SCHOOL  
CLOSURE**

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Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 located at 15250 28th Avenue is bounded on the west side by 152<sup>nd</sup> Street and the south side by the King George Highway. It is also within the Highway #99 corridor which includes a mix of light industrial, commercial, townhouse and small single lot family development.

The school was constructed in 1949 with a separate 4 (four) classroom “Annex” added in 1956. Smaller additions to the main building were made in 1963 and 1972.

The facility audit which indicate the condition of a building are 35% for the annex and 42% for the main building. Low scores for lighting, electrical, drainage, roofing and flooring indicate the building is nearing the end of its economic life.

Additional concerns for the building and site location, such as limited access for students with disabilities and the student drop off and pick up in front of the school, add health and safety issues to the school and site.

The Ministry of Education agreed with the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) assessment of the Sunnyside Elementary facility and approved a major reno/replacement capital project for the school.

School District No. 36 (Surrey) has worked with the architectural firm of Grant & Sinclair in the preparation of the feasibility study – stage 1 of the process for the Sunnyside Elementary project. Several options have been researched, quantified and evaluated.

The option that continually appears to best meet the long term facility needs of the area is relocating the Sunnyside Elementary School to new site #202 located at 159<sup>th</sup> and 28th Avenue.

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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 Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 located at 15250 – 28th 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