

East Clayton Elementary: Options for the Future

School Community Consultation

The Surrey School District is seeking your input on the future of your school. The School Board is considering options for the future of East Clayton Elementary in light of significant neighbourhood land use changes and subsequent enrolment decline affecting the Clayton schools.

Four options are currently being explored:

1. Keep both Clayton & East Clayton Elementary open
2. Consolidate enrolment at Clayton Elementary (close East Clayton)
3. Consolidate enrolment at East Clayton Elementary (close Clayton)
4. Close Clayton and East Clayton Elementary.

Option #2 – Consolidate enrolment at Clayton Elementary and close East Clayton Elementary School 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.

To that end, School District representatives are holding public meetings as well as meeting with the school Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and staff to discuss the options, as well as answer questions and hear ideas and concerns.

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.

You will be kept informed of this process through your school, through the media and the School District No. 36 website.

If you wish to comment on any of the options or provide other suggestions, please do so below and return this form to the school. Your comments will be forwarded to School District officials to include in their presentation to the Board. If you would like more information, please contact the school principal.

Name: _____

Comments: _____

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