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Dear Parents of Students in Okanagan Mission Area Schools,

As you are aware, the elementary schools in the Okanagan Mission area (Anne McClymont, Chute Lake and Dorothea Walker) have a combined enrolment that exceeds the capacity of the three facilities. As such, 2013/2014 will be the last school year that the elementary enrolment in Okanagan Mission can be physically and functionally accommodated in the three elementary schools.

To address the enrolment pressures in the Okanagan Mission area, a series of public presentation and consultation meetings were held over the past few years as part of the School District Long-Term Facility Plan. Parents also had the opportunity to provide feedback through the online THOUGHTstream process. Recently, a focus group meeting with representatives from each of the elementary schools in the Okanagan Mission area provided further opportunities to discuss future school organization options.

At the June 19, 2013 Planning and Facilities Public Committee Meeting, the committee members reviewed all input and put forth the following recommendation to the Board of Education:

"THAT: The Board of Education approve the relocation of Grade 7 students from Chute Lake Elementary School, Anne McClymont Elementary School and Dorothea Walker Elementary School to Okanagan Mission Secondary School where an interim Grade 7-8 middle school program will be created, as of September 2014.

At the June 26, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board approved the relocation of Grade 7 students from Okanagan Mission elementary schools to Okanagan Mission Secondary School in September 2014. Over the 2013/2014 school year, staff will work to develop, in consultation with the community, a transition plan to create an interim Grade 7-8 middle school within Okanagan Mission Secondary School in order to alleviate enrolment pressures at the elementary level.

For further information, please refer to the Central Okanagan School District website - Board of Education at: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/boardmeetinginfo/meetingagendaattachments/Pages/default.aspx>

Sincerely,

Hugh Gloster
Superintendent of Schools
