

NEWS RELEASE

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS RELEASES SURVEY I RESULTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR EMERGENT ISSUES

November 5, 2020

KELOWNA, BC – At the November 4, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting, the District released the results from Survey I and the considerations to address the emergent issues.

The <u>Survey Results</u> for Survey I have been posted on the District's <u>consultation website</u>. Among the three questions, 871 participants provided 812 thoughts, and the thoughts were rated 20,365 times.

The considerations were developed from the feedback received in the survey responses as well as from analysis performed by the Long Term Facilities Plan Working Committee, which comprises District Educational and Operational leadership.

École Kelowna Secondary School Considerations for Capacity Issues

- French Immersion Program Changes
- South Kelowna Elementary School to Mission Family of Schools
- International Program
- Out of Catchment Enrolment
- Cap and Redirect

H.S. Grenda Middle School Considerations for French Immersion Program

- Students Remain in Their Community
- FI Program Student Growth and Retention
- FI Program Staffing and Costs
- FI Staffing Recruitment Challenges
- Transportation

The District encourages staff and community members to provide their input on the considerations in Survey II:

- Please provide your thoughts and concerns after reviewing the considerations for capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School: https://my.thoughtexchange.com/572251309
- Please provide your thoughts and concerns on the considerations for French Immersion programming at H.S. Grenda Middle School: https://my.thoughtexchange.com/140807902
- Lake Country families that attend District schools have been directly emailed a survey to assess demand and support for French Immersion programming. Residents who do not have students in school are invited to participate in this survey at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SD23HSGFI

The District also encourages community members to attend the Public Zoom Townhalls, where we will discuss the considerations and address questions and concerns:

H.S. Grenda Middle School French Immersion Program Considerations November 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom: https://sd23.zoom.us/s/69376010829

Kelowna Secondary School Capacity Considerations November 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom: https://sd23.zoom.us/s/61498372295

The District encourages all staff, parents and community members to review its comprehensive <u>consultation</u> <u>website</u> to keep up to date and find out more about the District's facilities, enrollment projections, and challenges the District strives to address in its updated plan.

-30-

For comments, please contact: Moyra Baxter, Board Chairperson, 250-767-6153 Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, 250-470-3224