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SHANNON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CATCHMENT AREA REVIEW MEETING

October 1st, 2013



MEETING OVERVIEW

- 1. Introductions/Background**
- 2. Proposed Catchment Option Development**
- 3. How Can You Influence The Decision?**
- 4. Decision Process and Timeline**
- 5. Q&A**



INTRODUCTIONS

- **Staff**
- **Trustees**



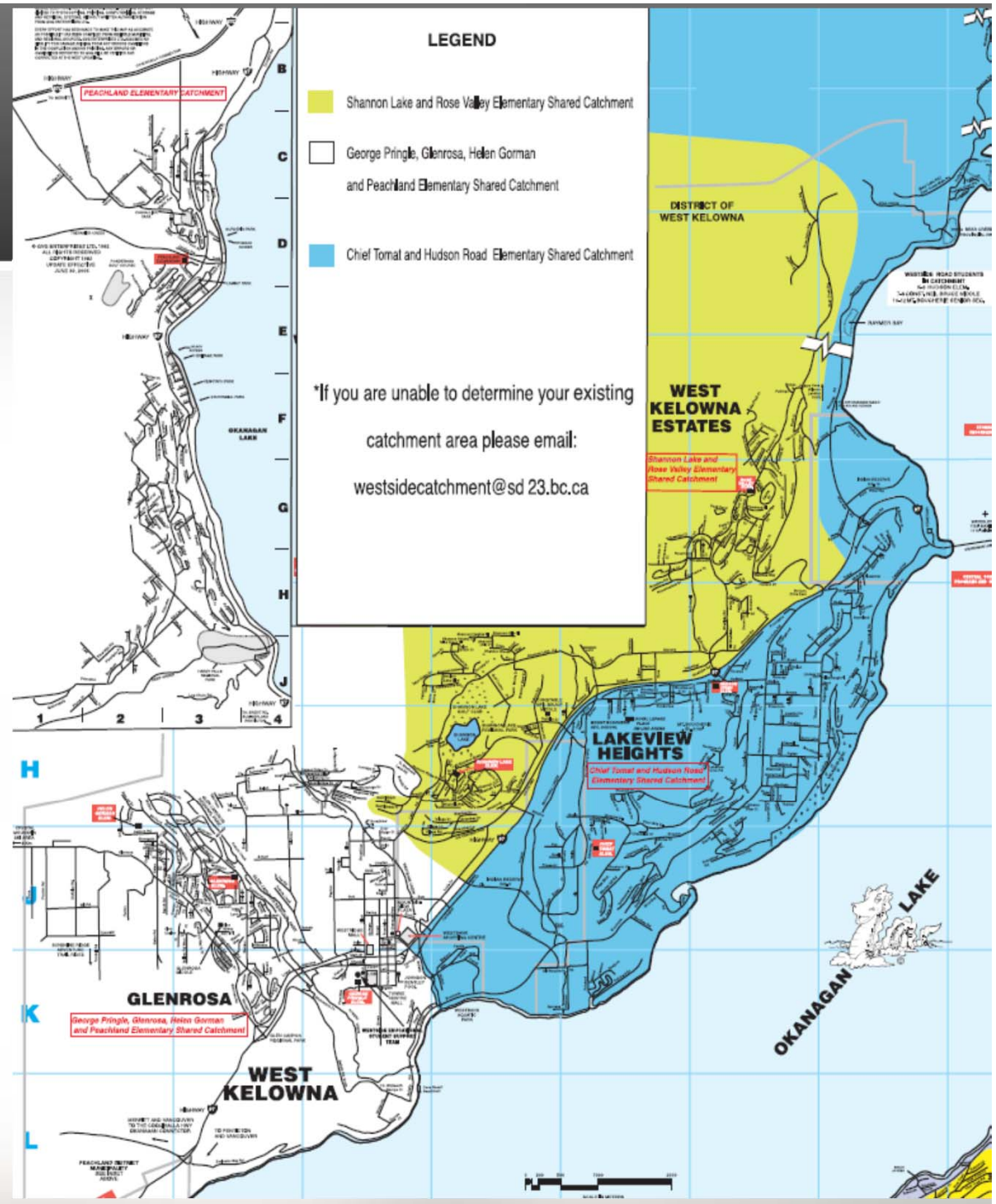
BACKGROUND

- The Central Okanagan is experiencing a relatively significant growth in the birthrate that will place pressure on elementary schools over the coming decade.
- To accommodate existing capacity issues at Shannon Lake Elementary and Rose Valley Elementary, a new school - Mar Jok Elementary is being constructed and will open in September of 2014.
- The opening of Mar Jok Elementary has spurred the requirement to review the existing elementary catchment areas to accommodate growth in the area.



The Current Situation:

- Shared catchment areas between multiple schools
- Capacity issues existing in the Shannon Lake Elementary/Rose Valley Elementary shared catchment
- Individual school boundaries still exist “in the background” to help determine school busing eligibility
- Schools of Choice legislation provides for parents to register their child in the school of their choice, provided there is room
- For the most part, students currently attend their nearest school





BACKGROUND

Givens:

- A new Mar Jok Elementary catchment area needs to be created that best utilizes the capacity of Mar Jok Elementary, Rose Valley Elementary and Shannon Lake Elementary.
- A catchment area must be designed to accommodate the existing and future projected student population.
- A large number of students (approximately 300) currently within the Rose Valley/Shannon Lake open catchment will be included in the new Mar Jok catchment.
- Shannon Lake and Rose Valley Elementary Schools will not continue to operate at the capacity they do today (on-site portables are planned to be closed and eventually moved from these two schools).



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PROPOSED CATCHMENT OPTION DEVELOPMENT



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- Prior to developing a proposed catchment area for consultation, School District staff met with local stakeholders and made presentations to the June 2013 Shannon Lake Elementary and Rose Valley Elementary PAC meetings.
- Parents, particularly those within walking distance of their existing school, expressed significant concern about the potential changes.
- Since June, a wide range of catchment options have been examined and evaluated and a “proposed option” has been selected to provide a platform for further community discussion and input prior to the preparation of a final catchment option recommendation.



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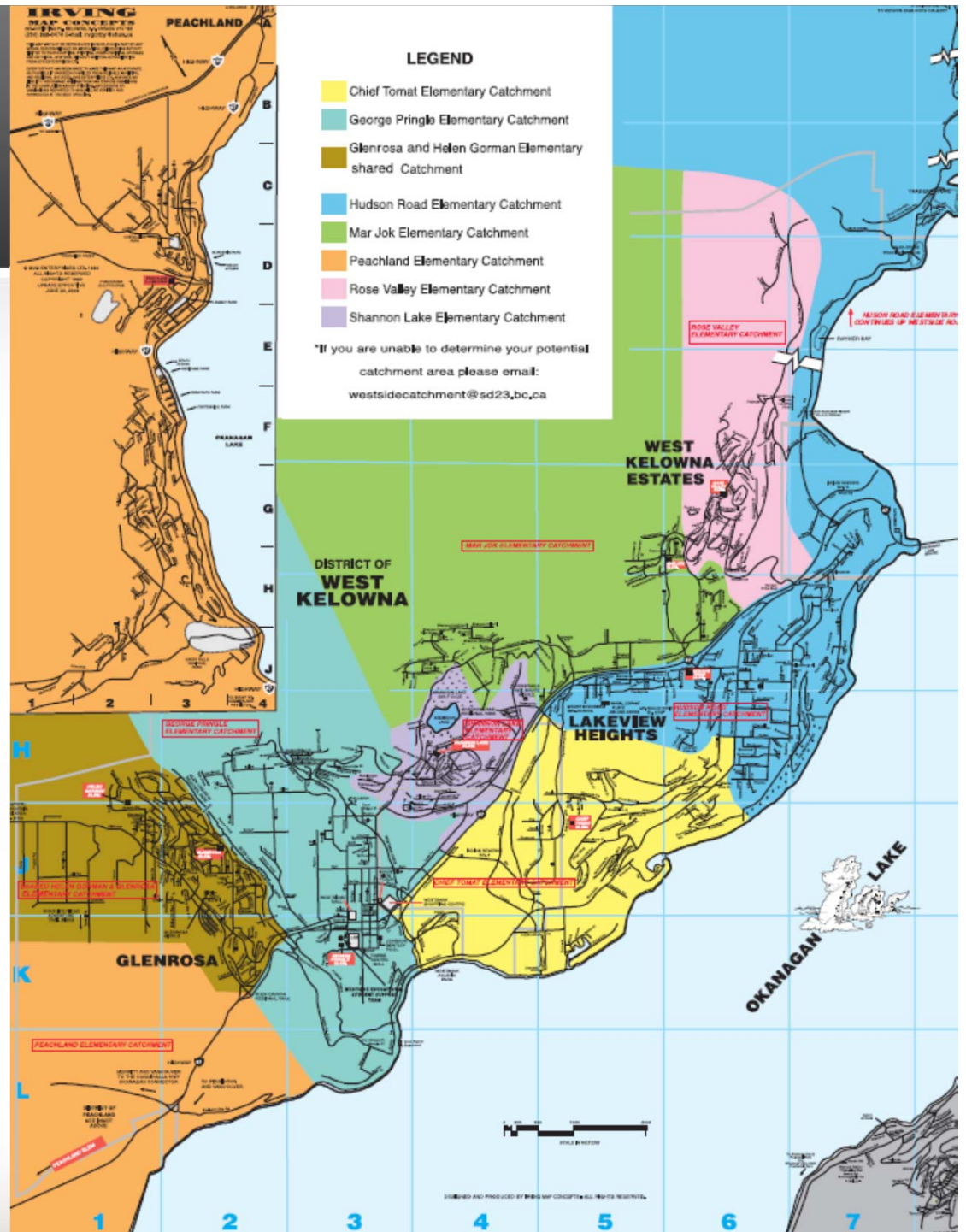
Here's the challenge.....

- Mar Jok sits in the Rose Valley community, but the student capacity for this additional space comes from both the Shannon Lake and Rose Valley areas.
- Drawing boundaries that reflect traditional neighborhoods and reduce travel distance is very difficult in this instance.
- The proposed option is designed to reflect long-term development to minimize frequent changes in catchment boundaries.
- According to existing Board Policy 405 – Student Placement:
 - “Where space permits, students should be allowed to remain in currently assigned schools and catchment area changes will apply only to new registrations.”
 - “In some situations it may be necessary and desirable to relocate students from one school to another.”



PROPOSED OPTIONS

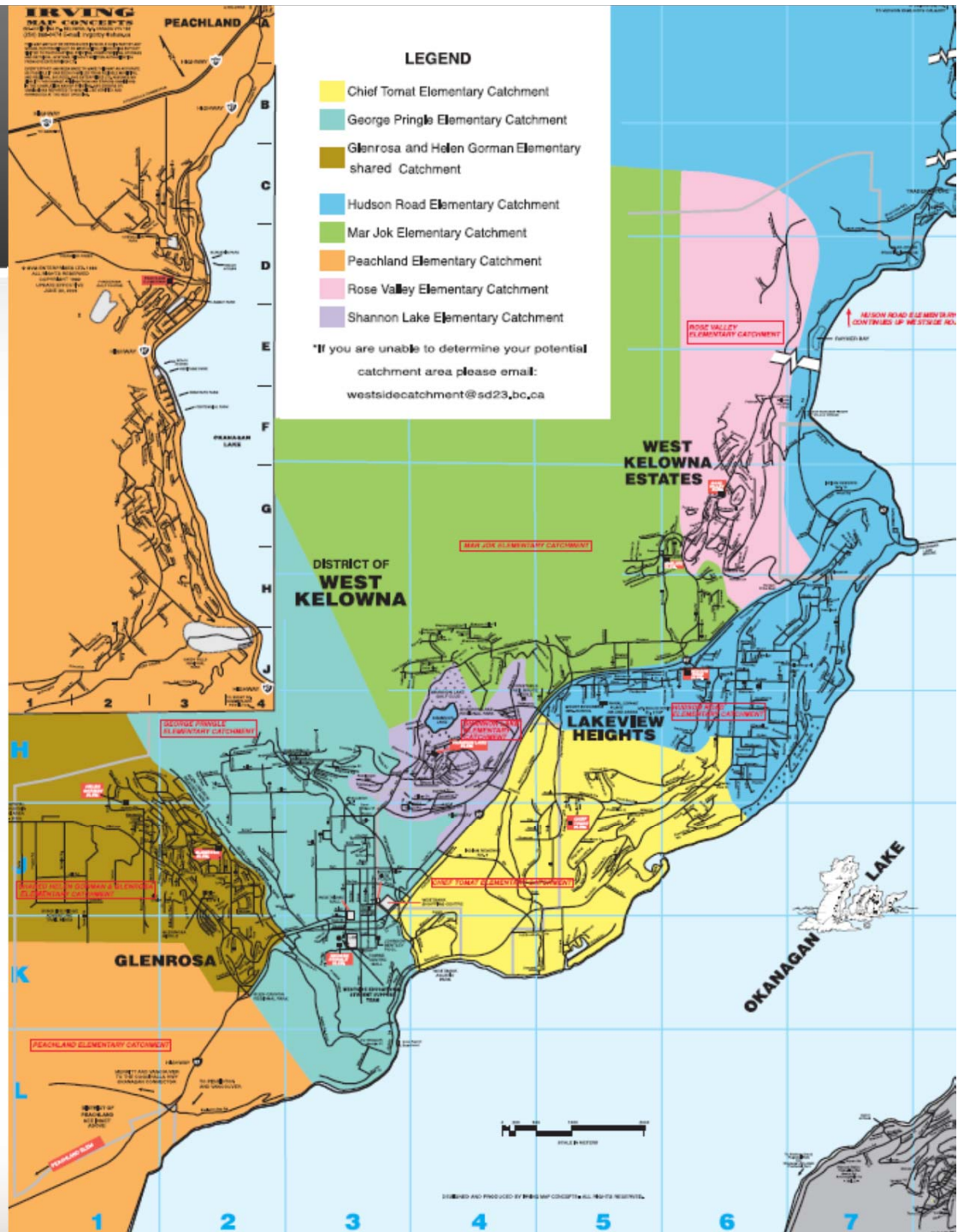
- Individual school catchment areas (except Glenrosa/Helen Gorman)
- Tallus Ridge, Shannon Woods and Cornerstone Drive areas included in Mar Jok catchment
- Westside Rd to stay in Hudson Road Elementary catchment





IMPLICATIONS

- Provides stability in terms of existing and future population in each catchment
- Some children will have a longer way to travel to school
- Tallus Ridge, Shannon Woods and Cornerstone Drive eligible for school busing to Mar Jok Elem.
- Provides stability for parents





MORE FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Rose Valley Elementary

Current enrolment: 516

School Capacity (no portables): 330

Potential Student Moves to Mar Jok (Sept. 2014):

-Immediate Mar Jok area– 106	}	143
-Sussex and Caledonia– 37		

Net enrolment of RVE: 373 (43 students above school capacity)

Complicating factors: Out-of-Catchment Population at RVE = 124
(Composition: 65 HRE; 26 CTE; 18 SLE; 7 GPE; 8 Other)



MORE FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Shannon Lake Elementary

Current enrolment: 509

School Capacity (no portables): 405

Potential Student Moves from SLE to Mar Jok (Sept. 2014):

-Tallus Ridge – 51	}	-108
-Shannon Woods – 34		
-Cornerstone Drive – 23		

Net enrolment of SLE: 401 (4 students below school capacity)

Complicating factors: Out-of-Catchment Population at SLE = 83
(Composition: 59 GPE; 12 CTE; 8 HRE; 3 RVE; 1 PCHL)



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Variables:

- Exactly where the boundary line is drawn and which neighborhoods are included (although large scale changes are inevitable)
- How the transition is planned:
 - grandfathering existing students (some or all grades)
 - relocating students
 - displacing out of catchment area students
 - transportation arrangements
- Available space in Schools of Choice for out-of-catchment students
- Existing Board Policy
- The Board of Education can choose a different option



HOW CAN YOU INFLUENCE THE DECISION?

Where can I provide my feedback?

- At this meeting
- At future public meetings
 - **October 1st** at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Shannon Lake Elementary
 - **October 10th** at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Mount Boucherie Secondary
- **Online information and survey (www.sd23.bc.ca) – link on homepage**
- Email westsidecatchment@sd23.bc.ca with any questions



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DECISION PROCESS AND TIMELINE



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May/June 2013 - Option Development

Stakeholder engagement

Information review



June 2013 – Board of Education approval to proceed with community engagement on preferred option



September/October 2013 - Community Engagement

PAC presentations

Online survey

Public meetings



October 2013 - Option Refinement



November 2013- Board of Education Approval of catchment areas



September 2014 – Implementation of new catchment areas



DECISION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Next Steps:

- Seek community input - finishes October 18th (close of online survey)
- Analyze survey results and input from public meetings
- Analyze alternatives and identify the catchment option to be recommended to the Board of Education
- Analyze catchment implementation options and prepare a recommended option
- Staff catchment recommendation forwarded to:
 - **November 20th** Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Mount Boucherie Secondary (Trustee debate and Committee recommendation)
 - **November 27th** Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the School Board Office (Board to consider Committee recommendation and make final decision)



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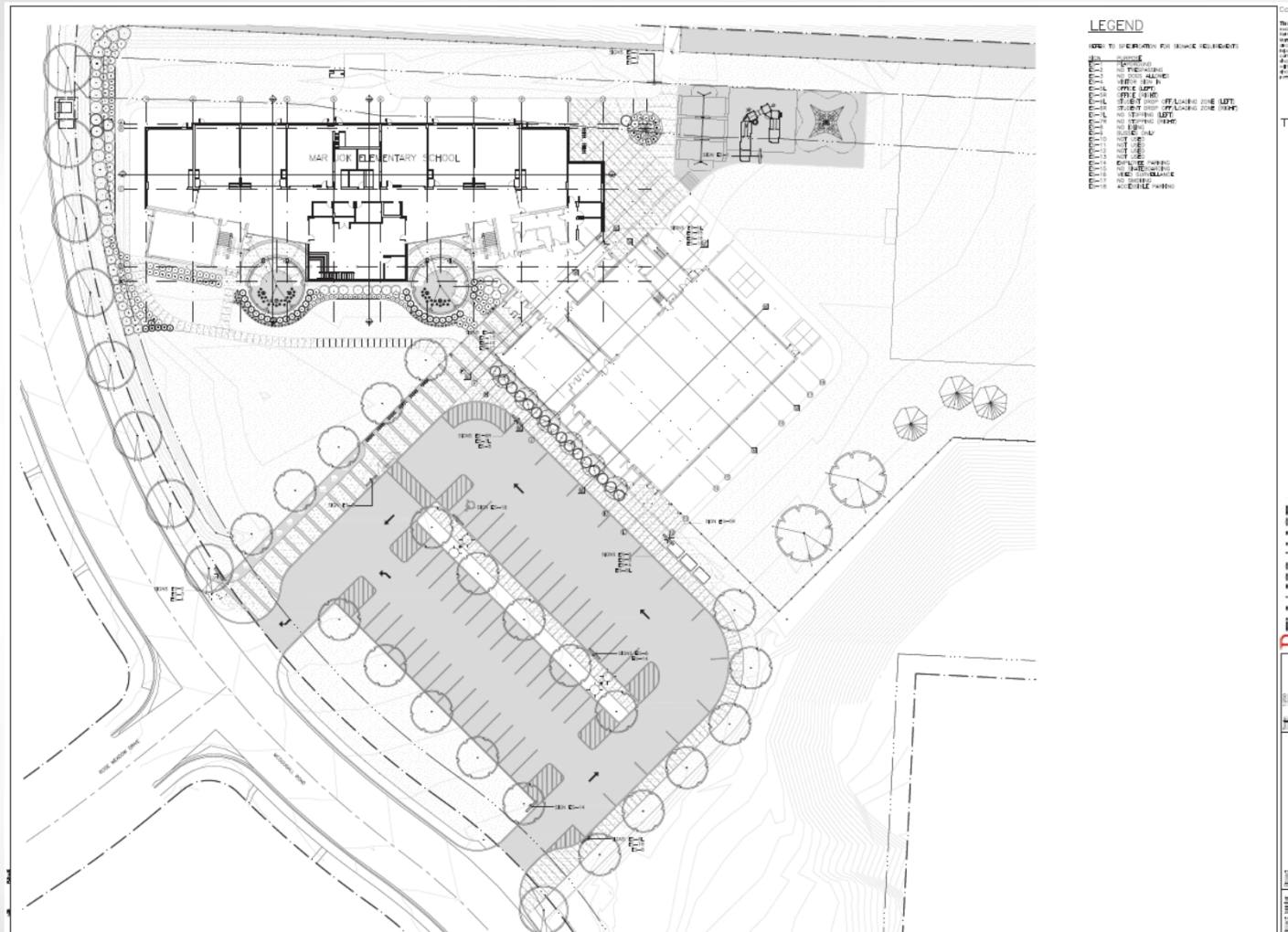
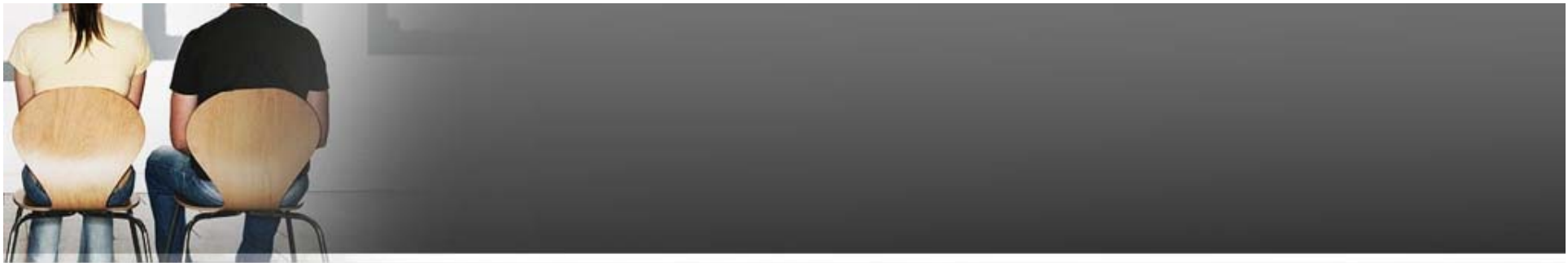
Q & A

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TYPICAL PROJECT AREA / RESOURCE ENTRANCE



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