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ROSE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CATCHMENT AREA REVIEW MEETING

September 30th, 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**



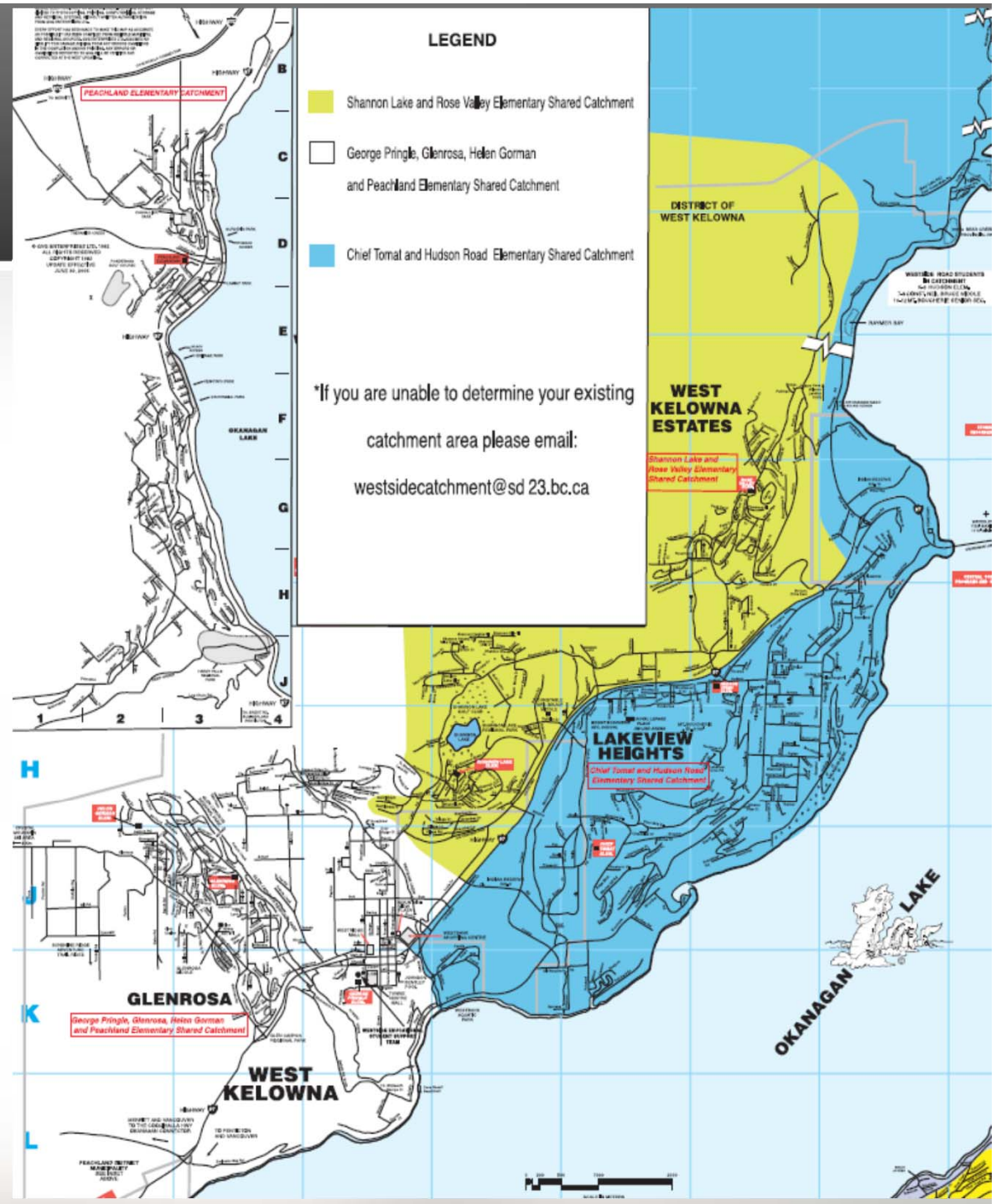
BACKGROUND

- 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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- 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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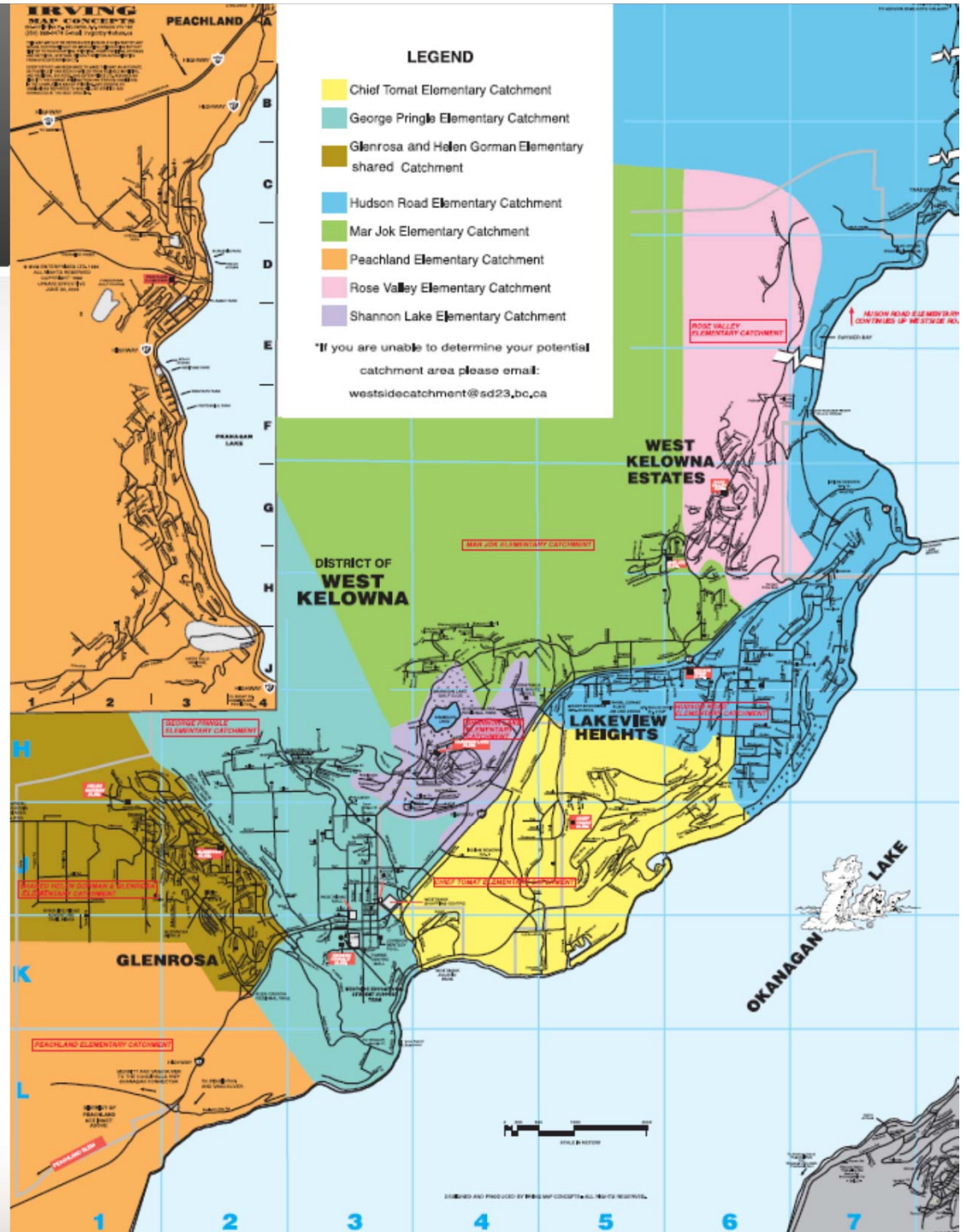
Here's the challenge.....

- 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

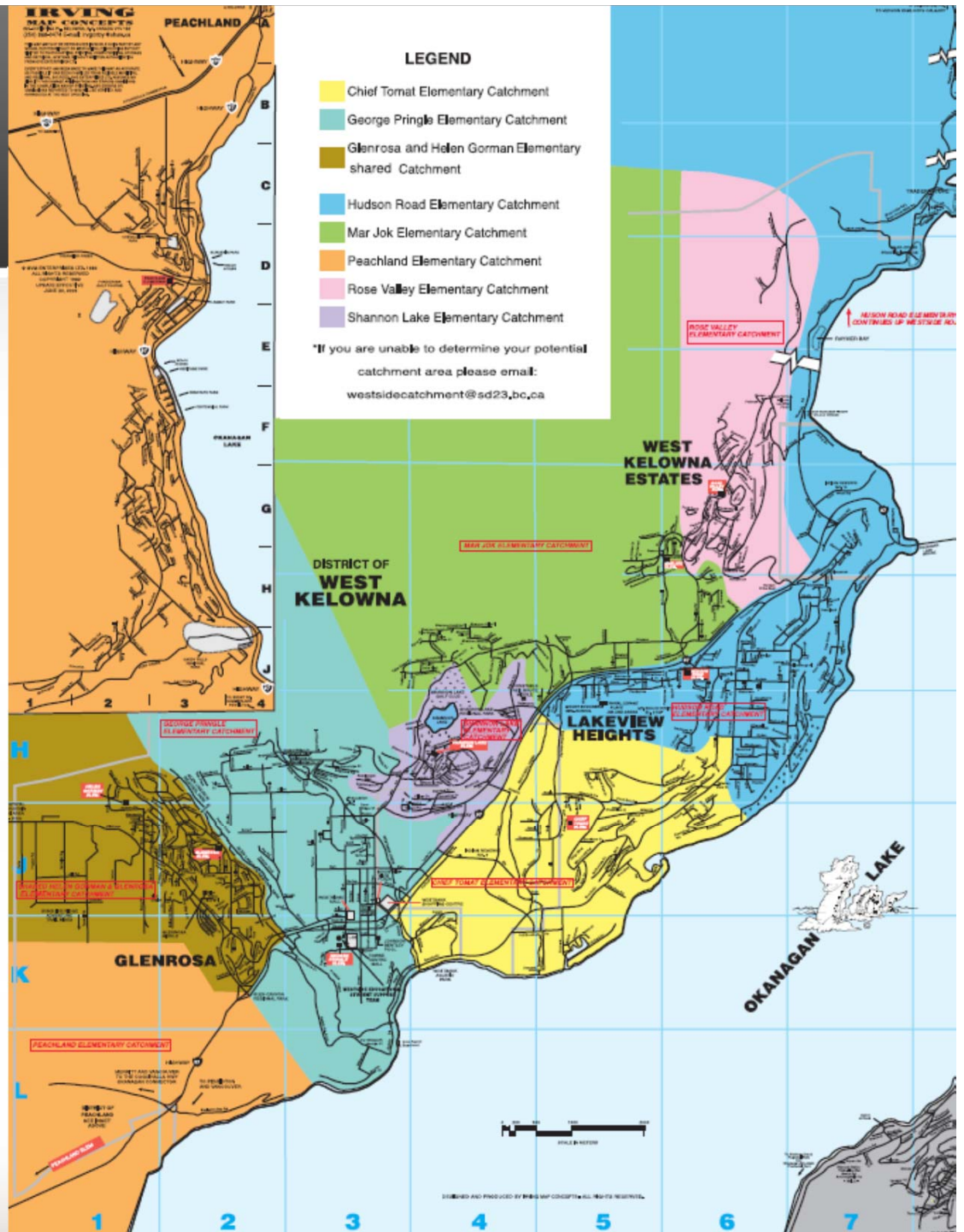
- Individual school catchment areas (except Glenrosa/Helen Gorman)
- Tallus Ridge, Shannon Woods and Cornerstone Drive areas included in Mar Jok catchment
- Westside Rd to stay in Hudson Road Elementary catchment





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





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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

Please Note: In response to questions and feedback received at the end of this presentation at Rose Valley Elementary, additional information was researched by staff and it is contained in the 2 slides which follow. This information was embedded in the presentation that was done the following night at Shannon Lake Elementary.

Information regarding Mar Jok Elementary including the latest site pictures appear at the end of this PowerPoint.



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		

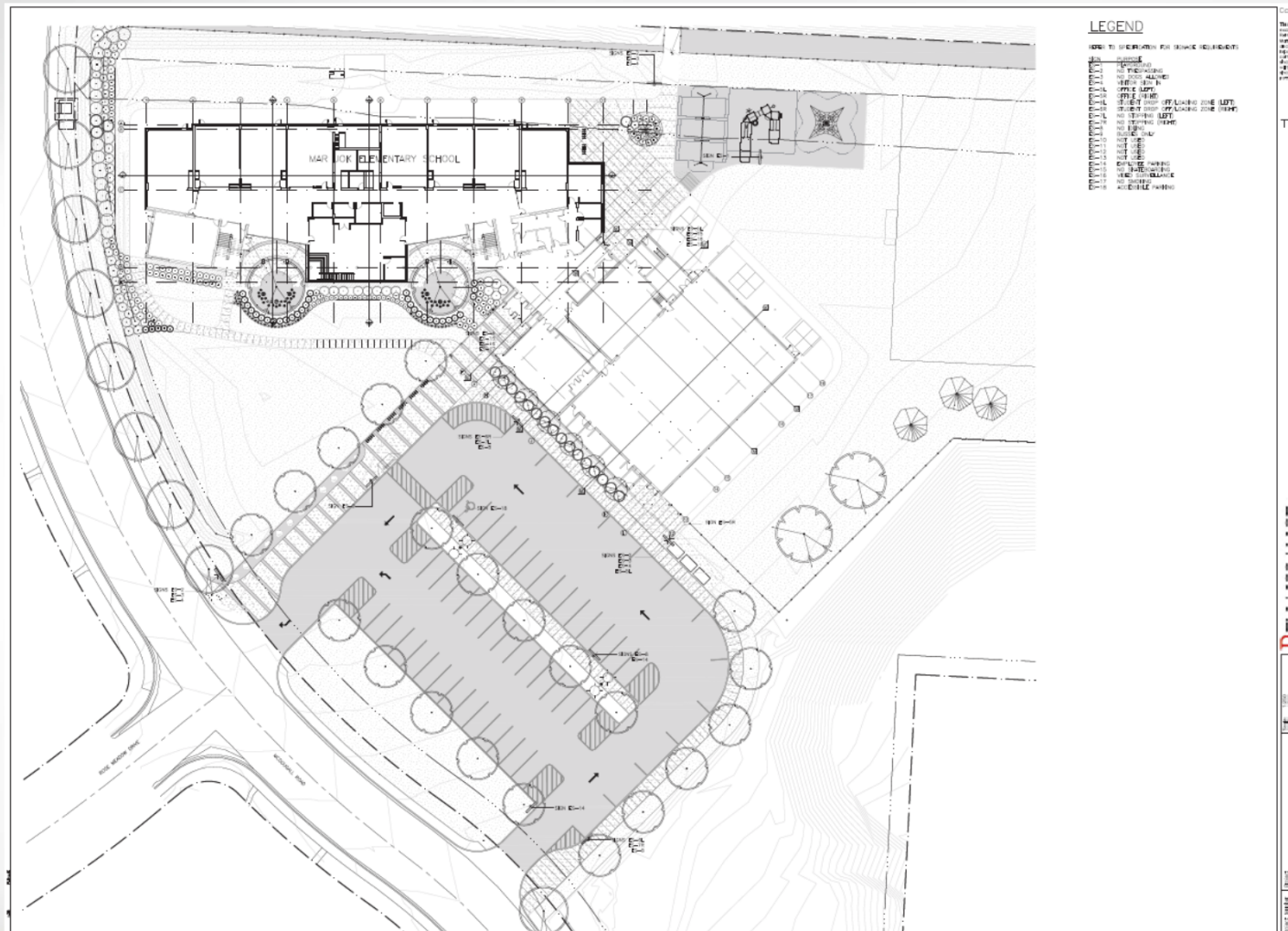
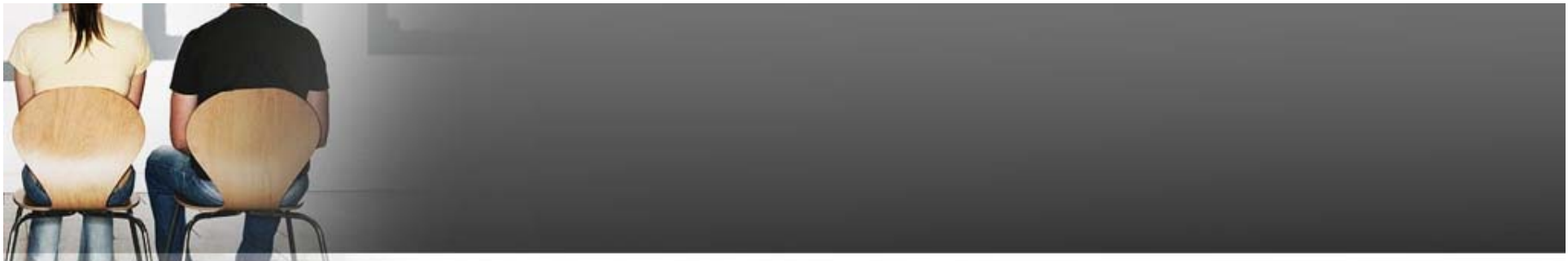
Net enrolment of SLE: 401 (4 students below school capacity)

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



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SOUTH ELEVATION



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TYPICAL PROJECT AREA / RESOURCE ENTRANCE



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