



July 5, 2018

To the Parents/Guardians of the Brookwood Family of Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mal Gill, Assistant Superintendent, has been working with the family of schools in the Brookwood region to support an eventual transition to middle school programming. The Board of Education passed the following motion at their Regular Meeting on May 30, 2017, specific to the Brookwood region:

*"It is recommended that the Board of Education directs staff establish a Transition Committee to report back to the Board with a detailed plan to implement a middle school model in the Brookwood community once the Brookwood-Fernridge Community Development Plan is approved by the Township of Langley."*

The Langley School District believes in the middle model and is moving ahead with plans to transition all families of schools as resources will allow. Specifically, for the Brookwood region, staff and trustees heard the recommendations from our community during consultations and has requested a Transition Committee to report back to the Board with a detailed plan to implement a middle school model in the Brookwood community once the Brookwood-Fernridge Community Development Plan is approved by the Township of Langley. The Brookwood community's development will be phased in with neighborhood developments. The District has requested the potential for a new school for the Brookwood community in the capital plan for the planning year 2022.

Our family of schools administrative teams have been working closely with their communities to begin the process, within our current K-7 and 8-12 structure, to implement some aspects of the middle school pillars so that our children can begin to benefit from the middle experience. The administrators in the Brookwood community believe in the middle model and are supportive of visioning a K-12 culture supported by a gradual integration of academic and extra-curricular collaborations.

#### Middle School Transition Team

Assistant Superintendent Mal Gill has been meeting with administrators from the Brookwood and Walnut Grove Family of schools along with principal representatives of our current middle schools. The team is working on establishing K-12 culture based upon the middle pillars, and includes the following principals:

Balan Moorthy, Principal of Walnut Grove Secondary School  
John Pusic, Principal of Brookwood Secondary School  
Lisa Lainchbury, Principal of James Kennedy Elementary School  
Michael Carlyle, Principal of Alice Brown Elementary School  
Kevan Reeve, Principal of Yorkson Creek Middle School  
Shawn Davids, Principal of HD Stafford Middle School

This District Team had its inaugural meeting on May 11, 2018. That meeting was followed up with a second meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>. During these meeting, the Team agreed to work with their collective family of schools to move towards a leadership model that will incorporate a sharing of students between elementary and secondary schools. The Team will research the concept of looping (students, to the best of our ability, maintain the same teacher for their grade 6 and 7 school years) and work to create opportunities for school teacher teams from the family of schools to collaborate. In addition, the family of schools will collaborate with curricular and extra-curricular activities between schools. The Brookwood family of schools met on June 1, 2018 and again on July 3, 2018 to begin the visioning process for the implementation of the middle pillars in the region.

The District Leadership Team is very thankful to the Brookwood community for its support and involvement to date, and looks forward to continued progress in the implementation of the middle school pillars in the 2018-19 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "S".

Gord Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Principals – Brookwood Family of Schools