



July 5, 2018

To the Parents/Guardians of the DW Poppy Family of Schools and Coghlan Fundamental Elementary

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, the Board of Education passed the following motions at the May 30, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board regarding middle schools in the DW Poppy region of the District:

*"That the Board of Education approves the establishment of a Grade 6 to 12 middle/secondary education delivery model at the DW Poppy Secondary facility and directs staff to establish a Transition Committee to report back to the Board by December 2017 with an implementation plan for establishing the model which will include a timeline, facility change requirements and education programming implications."*

*"That the Board of Education directs staff to report back to the Board by December 2017 on facility implications for the elementary schools in the DW Poppy zone by transitioning to a Kindergarten to Grade 5 education delivery model."*

*"That the Board of Education directs staff to include representation from Coghlan Elementary as part of the DW Poppy Transition Committee and report back to the Board by December 2017 with an implementation plan to transition Coghlan to a Kindergarten to Grade 5 model."*

*"That the Board of Education directs staff to report back to the Board by December 2017 on facility implications for Coghlan Fundamental Elementary School by transitioning to a Kindergarten to Grade 5 education delivery model."*

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 Assistant Superintendent Woody Bradford provided an update on the transition to middle school programming in the DW Poppy region for 2020-21. He acknowledged the tremendous work of the Transition Committee, highlighting some key actions that have been undertaken over the course of the past year:

- Building connections between all schools in the DW Poppy Region
- Visioning around interest areas that align with the District's Middle School Pillars (i.e. athletics, arts, outdoor education)
- Designing configuration for a Grades 6 - 8 and 9 - 12 school at DW Poppy
- Working with all stakeholders (PACs, Teachers, Support Staff, Students, BCIT, Administration) to uphold the values we have as a District
- Exploring the possibility of merging the Coghlan Fundamental and Wix-Brown communities when the Middle School at DW Poppy is ready for students
- Resubmitting the funding request to the Ministry to support the financing of completing the middle school project at DW Poppy
- Working with the Township of Langley to upgrade the current outdoor athletic facilities at DW Poppy

During the 2018-19 school year, the Transition Committee will continue to come together when there are action items needing to be discussed and planned. The Board of Education has allocated funding in the amount of \$500,000 to begin work on the DW Poppy site in 2018-19. These funds will go towards updating the current DWP school with the intention of converting it to a middle school in 2020-21, and will include:

- Flooring for the gym
- Bleachers for the gym
- Painting in the gym
- Audio/Video for the gym
- Creating common learning spaces for students

As these projects are completed and funding is confirmed for the design concept of a 6 - 8 and 9 - 12 school, representatives from each community who are on the Transition Committee will provide updates to their communities.

The District Leadership Team is very thankful to all those who participated on the Transition Committee this year and look forward to continuing the progress into 2018-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gord" and last name "Stewart" clearly distinguishable.

Gord Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Principals - DW Poppy Family of Schools