



**SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23**  
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"Together We Learn"

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

**RE: Westside – French Immersion, Student Growth and Grade Reconfiguration**

This notice is to make you aware of the initiatives the School District is working on that could affect the schools on the Westside.

The School District is holding regional public consultation meetings regarding French Immersion and to provide information about the ongoing process to manage the growth in student population in the Westside schools. The consultation meetings will include a discussion of expanding the French Immersion program on the Westside and the potential impact on schools that currently have only English programs. Information on the potential changes can be found on the School District website at [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca). Parents are welcome to attend any of the following sessions:

- October 17<sup>th</sup> at École KLO Middle School, 3130 Gordon Drive, Kelowna
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> at Hollywood Road Education Services, 1040 Hollywood Road, Kelowna
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, 2751 Cameron Road, West Kelowna
- The meetings all take place from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Student Growth - Potential Grade Reconfiguration Update**

There has been significant growth in student population in the Westside schools over the past three years. A consultant has been hired to conduct an enrolment study of the Westside to look at the options available to the School District as we convert to a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade configuration and manage the expected continued enrolment growth. At the conclusion of the study, the Board will be asking the public for input on the proposals to manage the growth and the timing of any grade configuration changes associated with these recommendations. The consultant is expected to conclude the study in the Spring of 2017 and parents would then have the opportunity to provide input looking ahead to the 2018/2019 school year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO