



*Langley School District No 35 invites you
to participate in a conversation about
Middle School Programming in the District*

September 16, 2016

The School District is hosting a Community Information Meeting regarding middle school programming in the District and invites community members to join us.

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
6:30 pm to 8:30pm
Coast Hotel and Convention Centre - Cascades Ballroom
(20393 Fraser Highway, Langley)

In May 2016 the Board of Education passed the following motion:

"That the Board of Education requests that staff host informational community meetings, in September 2016, on middle schools."

At this time, the District Leadership Team would like to engage our community in an educational conversation with respect to implementing a district-wide middle school program. Currently, the District has three middle schools in place with a fourth facility to be converted in Willoughby upon completion of the new high school. The middle school model aligns well with the new Ministry curriculum both in terms of the Personal and Social Responsibility components and Explorations (Careers) focus.

As part of the evening an informational presentation on the social, emotional and physical development of middle years children will be provided by Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, a well-respected professor at UBC in the Human Development, Learning and Cultural Program Department in the Faculty of Education. Ms. Schonert-Reichl is also the Director of the Human Early Learning Partnership. District staff, parents and students will share their perspectives on middle school programming. Following the presentations, members of the community will have the opportunity to have conversations at their tables to share their thoughts on this model and generate questions for the presenters and District staff. It should be noted that community receptivity to a district-wide middle school program would not result in immediate implementation throughout the District. Each affected community would still have an opportunity to participate in future consultation meetings regarding how this model could be implemented into their family of schools with respect to long-term facility plans.

I am hopeful that you are able to join us on Wednesday, October 5th. Please RSVP to my Executive Assistant, Clare Pereira, at cpereira@sd35.bc.ca or via phone 604-534-7891, local 221.

I look forward to meeting you and engaging you in a productive conversation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Stewart".

Gord Stewart
A/Superintendent of Schools