

November 2024

Dear grade 5 families,

With the opening of **SĆIΛNEW STEŁITĶEŁ Elementary School** in **September 2025** new catchment boundaries will be implemented. **All current grade 5 students within SĆIΛNEW STEŁITĶEŁ Elementary School catchment will automatically be registered and attend Dunsmuir Middle School for September 2025.**

If you reside in SĆIΛNEW STEŁITĶEŁ Elementary School catchment and would like to request a middle school other than Dunsmuir Middle School, you will need to complete a School Change Request (SCR) during the February 10-21 window. Please note that school change requests are subject to availability and are **not guaranteed**. We follow Board Policy and Regulation F-502 in relation to these requests.

#### **Progress to Date:**

- **February 2023:** Public consultation opened for the new SĆIΛNEW STEŁITĶEŁ Elementary catchment area.
- **March 2023:** Public feedback was collected, and an email was sent to families in the proposed catchment area.
- **November 2023:** Presentation of the proposed catchment and boundary changes to the Resources Committee.
- **December 2023:** Public consultation feedback presented to the Board of Education.
- **January 2024:** Board of Education approval of the new catchment boundaries.
- **January – March 2024:** Individual consultations with affected families to address specific concerns.
- **October-November 2024:** PAC Meeting Presentations and Resources Committee Presentation, SPEAC Presentation about catchment changes.

**At this time:** This message serves as a broad notification to all elementary school families impacted by the upcoming changes. These adjustments will affect families whose children reside in the **SĆIΛNEW STEŁITĶEŁ Elementary** catchment starting in **September 2025**.

#### **What's Next:**

- **December 2024:** An email will be sent to all families living within the new catchment boundaries for SĆIΛNEW STEŁITĶEŁ Elementary School.
- **February 2025:** The [School Change Request \(SCR\)](#) period will open for families who wish to attend a school other than their catchment school. **The School Change Request period is from February 10-21, 2025.**

Below is an example of the form you will need to complete online.

\* Request Category  
My child is impacted by the 2025/2026 catchment changes

\* School which this student is currently attending

\* School where this student would be expected on the requested start date  
(if this change were not being requested)  
SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary

\* Requested School

***Be sure to put the correct information in the corresponding box.***

#### **School Information:**

- SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary School serves students from kindergarten to grade 5.
- Students will transition to **Dunsmuir Middle School** for grades 6-8.

To check if your address falls within the **SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary School** catchment, please visit the [School Locator](#) website.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**

1. **If I want my grade 5 child to attend Dunsmuir Middle School for grade 6, what do I need to do?**
  - **No action is required** if you live in SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary School Catchment. Your child will automatically be enrolled at Dunsmuir Middle School for the 2025-26 school year.
2. **What if I want my child to attend a different middle school?**
  - You will need to complete a [School Change Request \(SCR\)](#) form during the request period of February 10- 21.

- Please note that school change requests are subject to availability and are **not guaranteed**. We follow Board Policy and Regulation F-502 in relation to these requests.
3. **Will my child be eligible for bussing if they attend a school outside of their catchment?**
- No. Bus routes are designed for students to attend their catchment schools. For Transportation questions, please visit: [Transportation | Sooke School District](#)
4. **If my child lives in the SCIANEW STELITKEŁ Elementary catchment but attends an out-of-catchment elementary school, what middle school will they attend?**
- Your child will transition to their designated middle school based on your catchment area. If you live within the SCIANEW STELITKEŁ Elementary catchment, your child will transition to **Dunsmuir Middle School**.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these boundary changes. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [catch62@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:catch62@sd62.bc.ca) .

Sincerely,

Sooke School District Catchment Team