November 2024

Dear grade 5 families,

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

If you reside in SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ 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:

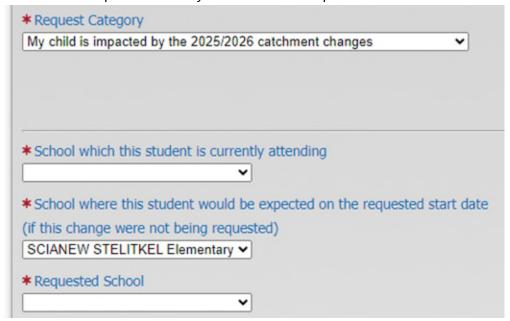
- **February 2023:** Public consultation opened for the new SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ Elementary catchment area.
- March 2023: Public feedback was collected, and an email was sent to families in the proposed catchment area.
- November 2023: Presentation of the proposed catchment and boundary changes to the Resources 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 **SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ 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 SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ Elementary School.
- February 2025: The <u>School Change Request (SCR)</u> 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.



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

School Information:

- SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ 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 **SĆIANEW STEŁITKEŁ 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 SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ 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 <u>School Change Request (SCR)</u> 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: <u>Transportation | Sooke School District</u>
- 4. If my child lives in the SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ Elementary catchment but attends an out-of-catchment elementary school, what middle school will they attend?
 - o Your child will transition to their designated middle school based on your catchment area. If you live within the SĆIANEW SŢEŁIŢĶEŁ 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.

Sincerely,

Sooke School District Catchment Team