

November 2024

Dear David Cameron Elementary School Families,

In fulfilling our responsibility to ensure there is space in our schools for all students, we are writing to inform you of an upcoming change to the pathway of schools for **David Cameron Elementary School**. **Starting in September 2026**, students from David Cameron Elementary will transition to Spencer Middle School for their middle school years. This means that current grade 5 students will be the last group to move on to Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School.

If you would prefer your grade 5 child to attend **Spencer Middle School in September 2025**, you can submit a School Change Request (SCR) in January 2025. These requests will be given priority considering the new pathway change.

**Reasons for Pathway Change:**

- Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School has reached full capacity, with no available space for additional growth.
- Spencer Middle School has room to accommodate students from David Cameron Elementary and offers space for future growth.
- Spencer Middle School is located closer to families within the David Cameron Elementary catchment area.
- Many families in the David Cameron Elementary catchment live within walking distance of Spencer Middle School.

**Summary:**

- Current grade 5 students at David Cameron Elementary will transition to Centre Mountain Lellum for the 2025–2026 school year. If you prefer your child to attend Spencer Middle School, please submit a School Change Request (SCR) in January 2025.
- Starting in the 2026–2027 school year, all grade 5 students from David Cameron Elementary will automatically be registered to attend Spencer Middle School.

This message serves as a broad notification to all elementary school families impacted by the upcoming changes. These adjustments will affect families whose children live in the David Cameron catchment area starting in **September 2026**.

**What's Next:**

- January 13 (opens and 8:00 am)– January 24, 2025 (closes at 4:00 pm): The School Change Request (SCR) period will be open specifically for families in the David Cameron Elementary catchment who would prefer their current grade 5 child to attend Spencer Middle School for grade 6 in the 2025–26 school year instead of Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School. Please note: **This is a special SCR window for this specific transition only; no other requests will be accepted during this period. All other requests can be applied for during the regular School Change Request period from February 10-21, 2025.**

**School Information:**

- Spencer Middle School flows to Belmont Secondary.

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

#### **1. If I want my child to attend Spencer Middle School what do I need to do?**

- You will need to complete a [School Change Request \(SCR\)](#) form during the request period in **from January 13 – 24, 2025**. Please note this SCR window will not be posted on our public website as it is for current grade 5 students at David Cameron Elementary only and not to be confused with our regular School Change Request period.

#### **2. Will my child be eligible for bussing if they attend Centre Mountain Lellum?**

- The cohort of grade 5 students who will transition to Centre Mountain Lellum for the 2025-26 school would be eligible for bussing for their middle school years provided they meet the eligibility requirements for transportation and register for bus services. Eligibility information: [Transportation | Sooke School District](#). Bus registration will open in March 2025.

#### **3. My child is currently in grade 5. Can they attend a different middle school next year?**

- Current grade 5 students at David Cameron will be transitioned to Centre Mountain Lellum. If they do not live in the David Cameron Catchment, they can fill out a School Change Request to be considered to change to their in-catchment middle school during the regular School Change Request period from February 10 – 21, 2025.

#### **4. Will there be a bus route from David Cameron Catchment to Spencer Middle School?**

- If your child is attending their in-catchment school, they are eligible to register for transportation. Learn more about our transportation services including safe routes to school: [Transportation | Sooke School District](#).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these boundary changes to accommodate all students. 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