



Westmount Elementary School

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March 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing this letter to provide you with [information related to catchment area changes](#) decided on February 28, 2022 by School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Board of Education.

At 181% capacity and with 41% of Westmount Elementary students in six portables, District staff recommended a catchment change for Westmount Elementary, David Thompson Elementary, and Westsyde Elementary to relieve pressure at Westmount Elementary at last night's Regular Public Board Meeting.

Starting September 2022, the following catchment changes will come into effect:

- *Residences 'north of Raven Drive to Stagecoach Drive and Cattle Drive' will fall within the catchment of David Thompson Elementary*
- *Residences 'north of Stagecoach Drive' will fall within the catchment of Westsyde Elementary*

A map of these catchment changes can be [found here](#).

This catchment change will impact students currently in Kindergarten to Grade 5. Bus transportation will be provided to students who will now be attending David Thompson Elementary and Westsyde Elementary beginning September 2022.

Students who are currently in grade 6 at Westmount Elementary may remain at Westmount Elementary to complete their grade 7 year. In addition, if your child in grade six has younger siblings in Westmount Elementary, those younger siblings also have the option to stay at the school. Younger siblings are eligible to stay at Westmount Elementary until the end of grade 7. If this context applies to your family, please contact Principal Lloyd at the school to indicate whether your child(ren) will be staying at Westmount Elementary by **March 14th**.

Transfer Requests

I have been receiving inquiries regarding transfer requests for the 2022-2023 school year. This section outlines the District process for considering transfer requests.

As indicated in [Administrative Procedure 305: School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests](#), student transfers can be made if space is available in the school. Transfer requests for schools impacted by catchment changes will be prioritized based on your child having medical, social emotional and/or educational programming needs.

The process of approving transfers will be:

- Students are automatically registered at their new catchment school.
- Starting today, **March 1, 2022**, transfer request forms will be accepted by your current home school/catchment school principal. Forms that need to be completed are:
 - [The Application for Student Transfer to Another School form](#)
 - [A Student Enrolment form for the school the student is wishing to attend](#).
- Students are expected to attend their new catchment school in September.
- Transfer requests will be reviewed during the first week of school in September 2022.
- School and District teams will meet to review all transfer applications and assess priority of requests, as indicated above, in Administrative Procedure 305.
- If there is space to accept a transfer, the family will be notified by **September 14, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 250-376-8879 or email me at wllloyd@sd73.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Wendy Lloyd, Principal
Westmount Elementary