



# PROPOSED SHELDON COATES CLOSURE

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK FALL 2022

### BACKGROUND

At the March 9th, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to propose the closure of Sheldon Coates Elementary School for the 2023/24 school year.

The proposed closure of Sheldon Coates in 2023/24 included a reconfiguration of grades between the two remaining schools: Summitview School and Grande Cache Community High School. In the proposed reconfiguration, Summitview would provide elementary programming for children in kindergarten and students through to Grade 6, and GCCHS would provide secondary school programming for students in Grades 7-12.

As part of its priority of community engagement, the Board held a public meeting on September 14th and ran an online survey from September 23 - 30th to collect input and feedback from the Grande Cache stakeholders.

The data was carefully reviewed by the Board and informed their October 19th Public Board Meeting decision to **not** proceed with the closure.

A summary of the stakeholder feedback follows.

### What concerns do you have with the proposed closure of Sheldon Coates?



Main concerns identified the loss of relationships ensured by the small Sheldon Coates staff. The Primary grade cluster supports appropriate relationships among students close in age.

#### Impact on Students



Main concerns identified the loss of learning spaces allocated to Pre-K Programming currently in place at Sheldon Coates

#### Impact to the Pre-K Program



Main concerns identified the loss of proximity to forest and wooded areas and the loss of the outside play structures designed for small bodies and Primary-level learners

#### Loss of outdoor, land-based learning areas



Main concerns included the implications of population changes, the building, and traffic.

#### Impact to the Community



Main concerns mentioned loss of staff due to position redundancies. The grade cluster supports instructional strategies in literacy and numeracy targeted to Primary learners.

#### Impact on Staff



#### Expanded Programs and Extra-Curricular Opportunities

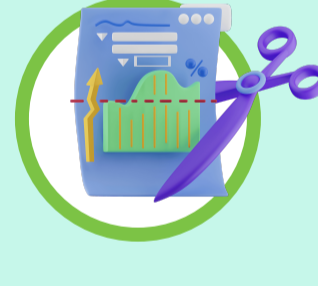
### What benefits do you see or anticipate from reorganizing the three schools into one elementary school and one secondary school?



Mentorship/Leadership opportunities between junior and senior learner groups, and transition supports for junior high students into high school programming



#### Staff Collaboration



#### Resource Allocation



#### Timeline Clarification

### What other questions do you have?



#### Implications of Community Growth



#### Costs of Moving and Updating Summitview



The Board of Trustees extends its appreciation to all those who contributed their input into the proposed closure of Sheldon Coates.

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