

December 2, 2019

Good day families and school community members:

As we have now concluded the initial ThoughtExchange online conversation as part of the Phoenix Academy and Gill Memorial Academy school systems review, we are sharing a report on the results of the exchange. Using ThoughtExchange, the District invited participants to share their thoughts and rate the views of others on the potential adjustment of catchment areas, grade reconfigurations, and/or closures, in anticipation of the upcoming school year (September, 2020). Based on the results from this forum, as well as other information, District staff will be making a recommendation for this system, to be considered by Board Trustees during an upcoming meeting on December 7, 2019. The meeting will be live-streamed at <https://www.nlesd.ca/>.

It is at this meeting that Board Trustees will determine if the Phoenix Academy and Gill Memorial Academy school systems review will move forward and, by Notice of Motion, indicate what option(s) are being considered. No decision will have been made at this point. A second round of online consultations will then take place and, **if a Notice of Motion includes an option involving a school closure**, there will be a separate, public meeting with the school community to discuss that possibility. The final Board decision(s) will be made at a subsequent regular public Board meeting, likely in March 2020.

Some great points for consideration were shared by those who actively engaged in the ThoughtExchange, and we thank you for your participation. We have heard the points you have raised and have responded to some of the perspectives shared. These responses are being provided to you in the results web page below. You will notice that we have not commented on all thoughts, as many people shared similar ideas, but we have responded to a sample of the concerns and suggestions raised. Please review the results web page developed for our exchange here: <http://bit.ly/Review2019PAandGMA>

As was the case throughout this process, information on this School Review process is available on the District website at: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-pa.jsp>

We look forward to working with you on future planning efforts within these school communities.

Regards,



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