

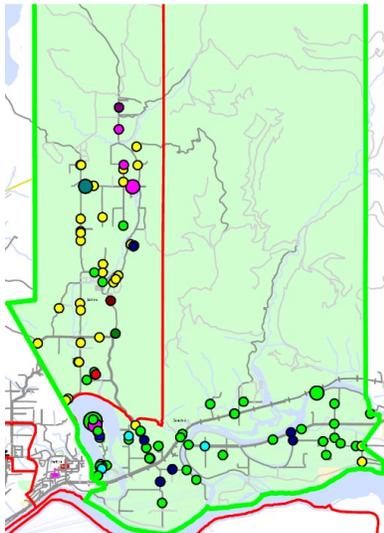
March 1, 2022

Dear Hatzic/Dewdney/Durieu Parents and Caregivers.

On February 15, 2022, at the public meeting, the Board of Education considered changes to the school catchment boundary for Hatzic Elementary and Dewdney Elementary. The changes are expected to reduce the overcrowding of Hatzic Elementary School and may directly affect your family. The following changes were approved.

1. The school catchment for Durieu Area students will change from Hatzic Elementary to Dewdney Elementary, effective September 2022.
2. **If space is available after all Hatzic Elementary catchment students are enrolled at Hatzic Elementary**, Durieu area students currently attending Hatzic Elementary school can apply to be a cross-boundary student at Hatzic Elementary until they complete their elementary schooling. Cross boundary applications are reviewed and approved on a yearly basis.
3. Busing will not be available to students that cross boundary into Hatzic Elementary.

[Detailed information on this change can be reviewed on the MPSD website \(click here\)](#) or on the [online community engagement portal Engage MPSD \(click here\)](#).



The boundary change will be at the boundary of the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and Mission on Stave Lake Road. The FVRD after this point will be in the Dewdney catchment.

#### **September 2022 Registration guidelines:**

- New Kindergarten registrations for students living in Durieu should register at Dewdney Elementary, including if they are a sibling of an existing Hatzic Elementary student;
  - The catchment school for all Durieu students has been changed to Dewdney Elementary.
- Durieu students currently attending Hatzic Elementary who wish to stay at HES should apply for cross-boundary by March 31st, as per cross boundary application guidelines. Please [click here to complete the Application form](#). You can contact Dewdney Elementary School for more information on the process.
  - **Approval of cross-boundary student applications will be dependent on the availability of spaces at Hatzic Elementary.**

**• Cross Boundary applications will be finalized no later than the first week of school in September (September 9).** Applications are approved on a first come, first served basis.

The order of priority for students applying to be a cross-boundary student into Hatzic Elementary is as follows:

1. Durieu area students currently attending Hatzic receive priority (after catchment students are registered). Kindergarten siblings (or future K siblings) are not given priority.
2. Cross-boundary students from other school catchments currently attending Hatzic Elementary - after Catchment Students, and Durieu students are placed.
3. New cross-boundary students will not be accepted at this time. We may reconsider this once the boundary changes are complete.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ilona Schmidt, [Executive Assistant](#).

Yours Truly,



Angus Wilson, Superintendent