



QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 28, 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At its meeting of January 27, 2026, the Board of Education approved two elementary school catchment adjustments and deferred consideration of a proposed secondary school change.

The approved elementary adjustments respond to current enrollment pressures at Springwood Elementary and will take effect beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. The proposed secondary adjustment decision was deferred to a future year to allow for additional reflection, and possible consideration by the next Board of Education.

Motion 1 – Elementary (Springwood/École Oceanside)

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve moving the boundary line south of Old Highway 19A between Pym and Renz into the École Oceanside Elementary School catchment, effective the 2026–2027 school year. **(Approved)**

Motion 2 – Elementary (Springwood/Nanoose Bay)

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve moving the boundary line east of the Englishman (Quatluth) River, including San Paniel, into the Nanoose Bay Elementary School catchment, effective the 2026–2027 school year. **(Approved)**

Motion 3 – Secondary (Kwalikum/École Ballenas)

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve moving the boundary line west of Lowry's and the Arena, north of Highway 19, into the Kwalikum Secondary School catchment, effective the 2026–2027 school year. **(Deferred)**

We would like to highlight several important points for families:

- **Legacy status:**
Students who are already attending a school, as well as their younger siblings, will be able to continue at that school if they choose, as per our current process. In the coming weeks, families within the adjusted catchments will receive an email with a short survey asking whether they wish to exercise this option and continue on in their current school or move to their new catchment school for the coming year.
- **Transportation supports:**
 - Busing is available from the Renz–Pym area to École Oceanside Elementary, from École Ballenas Secondary, which is located centrally within that area.
 - Transportation from San Paniel to Springwood Elementary will continue for at least one additional school year, but service will be reviewed as part of the district's ongoing transportation review.
 - Busing from San Paniel and all areas east of the Englishman (Quatluth) River to Nanoose Bay Elementary will continue and be enhanced as necessary.
- **Cross-boundary applications:**
Applications for cross-boundary attendance will open from Monday, February 2nd until Thursday, March 12th for families who wish to explore additional options.

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We appreciate the time and thought families have brought to this process. These decisions reflect the Board's commitment to balancing enrollment realities, student well-being, and family choice, while ensuring that longer-term decisions are made thoughtfully and responsibly.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Jory', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Jory
Superintendent of Schools