

DISTRICT RECONFIGURATION

Implementation: PHASE III

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RECONFIGURATION

The Board of Education passed a motion at its Regular Public Meeting on November 18, 2020, to adopt a revised district configuration to support student learning, maintain options and access to programs for Gulf Islands students to the best extent possible, and address the current financial deficit.

The decision follows a twenty-five-month process and more than a year of consultation, review, and study. Some of these changes will be experienced differently across the district and, will be implemented over the next two years to provide the time to make adjustments.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Pursuant to Board Procedure 635 - Permanent School Closure, the Board of Education gives notice of its intent to close Salt Spring Island Middle School at the end of the 2020/2021 school year.

The motion will be addressed at the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting, and will be added to the website along with an online comment forum to allow stakeholders and school community members to share their input regarding the Board's intent to close Salt Spring Island Middle School.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2021

GISS will become the catchment school for Salt Spring Island grades 8-12. Salt Spring Island elementary schools will configure as K to 7.

Access to student water taxi provided to those registered in French Immersion, GISPA, as part of their IEP, and for Salt Spring 8-12 students to attend Pender Islands School.

2021/22 ONLY

Salt Spring Island students entering grade 7 (currently registered in grade 6 at SIMS) will remain in attendance at the SIMS location for a transitional year.

Galiano, Mayne, Pender, and Saturna students in grade 8 may attend either their home island or Pender Islands School. Students in Grades 9-12 will have the option to attend either Pender Islands School or GISS.

2022/23 AND ON....

Galiano (K-7), Mayne (K-7), Pender (K-12), and Saturna (K-5) students in grades 8-9 will attend Pender Islands School as catchment. Students in grades 10-12 will have the option to attend GISS.