

# SOME OTHER IDEAS THAT WERE CONSIDERED

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## Opening Union Bay Elementary

- ✓ 105 students are currently living in the Union Bay area (from the four-lane highway to Fanny Bay). Union Bay could become a K-3 school comprised of 4 divisions. This would remove 66 students from **Royston Elementary**.
- ✓ The grade 4/5/6 students would continue to go to **Royston**.
- ✓ This drops **Royston's** student population to 223 students.
- ✓ The cost would be approximately \$2.5 million dollars to renovate the school. Additional costs include the cost to build a primary library and resourcing the school and staff (admin. assistant, vice principal, LST, Counselor, Library Clerk, Custodian). (+ \$300,000 +).
- ✓ \*Knowing that Union Bay Estates is becoming a reality with property for a school set aside, making this decision might hamper the opportunity of opening a new school in the future.

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## Re-Purpose Tsolum School as an additional elementary school

- ✓ **Tsolum School** is currently the site of the **NIDES/Navigate school** and houses 179 students in their FAe, Compass and additional programs and services.
- ✓ It also hosts the DL component of **NIDES** and most of **NIDES** staff.
- ✓ Currently there are 142 students attending **Huband Park** that live west of the Island Highway.
- ✓ The cost of creating dedicated Fine Arts spaces at **Airport** for FAe would not be practical considering those spaces already exist at the **Tsolum** location.
- ✓ Moving FAe to **Airport** would require Student Services to move to another location. Presently Student Services uses 5 classrooms, an office and a small resource room.

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## Split the French Immersion population to feed both Isfeld and Highland

- ✓ **Puntledge Park** Immersion students will continue to attend **Isfeld** (69 students) while the **Robb Road** Immersion students will attend **Highland** (62 students)
- ✓ Splitting the French Immersion population could create staffing problems
- ✓ Keeping a larger cohort of students provides many more opportunities for courses
- ✓ The cost of creating another French Immersion library is considerable
- ✓ Also addressed previously in the long range facility plan

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## Royston Ridge students move to Courtenay Elementary and/or Lake Trail

- ✓ This idea affects 20 students
- ✓ **Courtenay Elementary** is a k-5 school. This might mean that some students living in the Ridge area could have three transitions in three years (**Royston - Courtenay - Lake Trail**)
- ✓ **Lake Trail** is in the middle of construction and may not be able to accommodate these students
- ✓ This may require a new bus route