

**CATCHMENT CONSULTATION  
Q&A**

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**Date:** Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 - 9 pm  
**Venue:** Cumberland Community School

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1. Can programs of choice move to Highland?  
Possibly. It would depend on the program, type, size and building requirements. This is also true of moving choice programs anywhere.
2. Could NIDES distribute classrooms to each school?  
Currently we have a “NIDES” Independent Learning centre at each of our High Schools. This could be expanded.
3. Will the current negotiations between the Teachers Union and the Government possibly result in a return to larger classrooms? If it does, will this increase capacity at all schools in the District?  
We are not sure where the negotiations will end up; having said that, larger classes may lead to more spaces available in schools.
4. Are you applying for a capital expansion grant regardless of this process?  
That is a possibility. Our Board has a Long-Range Facility Plan and any Capital Projects needs to be identified in that plan. So, the result of this process may lead to an amendment of the plan and ultimately a Capital expansion application.
5. Could there be a new French Immersion system? Ecole Puntledge to Highland and Ecole Robb Road to Isfeld.  
The location of French Immersion programs as well as “creating” 2 secondary sites can be examined and its viability determined.
6. Can we not rally as a community to build a new high school?  
Once the District submits a Capital request community advocacy is always an option to help support the application.

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7. Why is Stats Canada Census data not used in projections?

It is only done every 5 years, so it is not current. As well it is also dependent on people filling out the survey.

8. What improvements to municipality are the developers accountable for?

As far as schools are concerned and depending upon the size of the development the District may request land be set aside for future educational use.

9. What impact will a shift have on the Arden catchment since Royston and Cumberland boarder that catchment?

We do not see an impact at Arden at this time.

10. Can we look at other cities or even countries that have dealt with similar issues?

We are consulting with other Districts in BC to see how they have handled and dealt with enrolment growth, as well as the boundary consultation process.

11. Can we locally fund a portable?

All portable/modular buildings that are used must be funded locally (District).

12. What is the cost of a bus vs. modular?

A modular installed is approx. \$300,000 each the addition of a bus route is approx. \$60,000.

13. What can parents do to help support you with the Ministry of Education?

Once a Capital project has been submitted advocacy with the Government is always appreciated. Continued work with local MLA's also helps keep the issues at hand.

14. Do the projections for Cumberland take into account the bulk of people moving here are families with young children?

Yes, they are based on this information.

15. To feed more students to Courtenay El, could you run a choice program? i.e. French Immersion

That would be an option.