



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)

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February 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) is exploring an idea that proposes to transfer Grade 7 students in your community from the elementary school to the secondary school, a transition that could enhance the educational opportunities and experience for students.

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite to you an information session at Barriere Secondary School on February 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. At this event, District staff will share their vision for the proposal and how it might enhance the educational opportunities for Grade 7 students in your community. This event will also provide parents an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal and its implementation.

Following the information session, SD 73 will launch an online portal allowing parents and community members to leave comments regarding the proposal to move the Grade 7s to the secondary school. Questions will be answered in the portal, and comments collected and shared with the Board of Education.

On March 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., the District will host a second consultation session at the school involving the full Board of Education. This event will provide parents the opportunity to share thoughts about the proposal directly with trustees.

It's expected that this consultation process will be complete by mid-April, and the Board will decide whether or not to move forward with the proposal at the public Board meeting on April 23, 2018.

It's my hope that you will have the opportunity to participate in this consultative process. If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Sidow".

Alison Sidow,
Superintendent, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)