



NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44

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Subject: The process for input into the proposed closure of Balmoral Junior Secondary School and consolidation with Carson Graham Secondary School

Board Policy 610: *Closure of Schools (Permanent)* provides for input into the proposed closures of schools. In regards to Balmoral Junior Secondary School and its potential closure and consolidation with Carson Graham Secondary School, the input process is solely coordinated through a “Balmoral Response Team” and a “Carson Graham Response Team”.

These Response Teams are officially recognized as the representative bodies that will provide the Board of Education with the response to the proposed closure of Balmoral and consolidation with Carson Graham Secondary.

In order to ensure that information is gathered in a coordinated manner and to assist with the preparation of the Report of the Balmoral Response Team and the Carson Graham Response Team, all parents and community members are requested to provide their input on the proposed closure of Balmoral and consolidation with Carson Graham School through their respective Response Teams. This will help ensure that accurate, clear and consistent information is being provided to our community regarding this important matter.

It appears that there may be some confusion in our community resulting from communications initiated by a group of parents who are advocating a particular position related to the potential closure of Balmoral.

Please note that any and all input on the potential closure/consolidation will be directed to the Response Teams.

Opportunities for input to the proposed closure of Balmoral and consolidation with Carson Graham have included the provision of [Input forms](#) at the proposed closure meeting, at the [Towards the Future for Schools](#) meetings held across the School District, and made available on the School District’s website at www.nvsd44.bc.ca.

The respective Response Teams will receive and collate all input provided through the completion of Input forms and all other written submissions to provide the perspective of the schools and their communities. Input forms and written submissions shall be provided to the Balmoral Response Team at brt@nvsd44.bc.ca and to the Carson Graham Response Team at crt@nvsd44.bc.ca by no later than Friday, May 15, 2009 for consideration in the reports of the Response Teams to the Board of Education.

Thank you for your cooperation.

John Lewis
Superintendent of Schools