

# SIR JAMES DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Douglas Elementary Families,

As noted in yesterday's message we are providing further updates on plans to accommodate Douglas students and staff next week. We are confirming again that classes will resume **on Thursday January 5, 2023** for all Douglas students. School start and end times will continue to be 9:00 am start and 3:03 pm dismissal.

The District has been working to determine temporary locations in neighbouring schools which keep students and families as close to home/Douglas Elementary as possible. We are fully aware of the importance of being within walking distance from home for students and families in the English program at Douglas. In our French Immersion program we know families live largely within the south-east quadrant of the District so we have looked for a location which is within this region so as not to unduly inconvenience families in transporting students to and from school. We acknowledge no solution is ideal but believe we have landed on a plan which will best meet the needs of the majority of students, families and staff.

Starting Thursday January 5, 2023 we can let you know that students in the English program will be accommodated at Moberly Elementary and Trudeau Elementary. Students in the French Immersion program will be accommodated at the South Hill swing site which is located adjacent to Memorial Park South just east of Fraser Street and 43rd Avenue. We will be sharing each school site with the staff and students who are from each of those communities and attending school at these sites. We are confident these communities will welcome Douglas students and staff while damage to our school is being repaired. We can assure you that all students will have appropriate classroom spaces at each site in order to ensure they are comfortable and can continue to work and learn together.

## **Temporary Location Sites for Douglas Elementary starting Thursday January 5:**

**Moberly Elementary** (1000 East 59<sup>th</sup> Ave) – All English Kindergarten to grade 5 students in Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14

**Trudeau Elementary** (449 East 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave) – All English grade 6 and 7 students in Divisions 1, 2 & 3

**South Hill Swing Site** (5987 Prince Albert St.) – All French Immersion students grade 4 to 7 in Divisions 15F, 16F, 17F, 18F, 19F, 20F, 21F & 22F

**Moberly and Trudeau** are both operational K-7 schools within our community and within walking distance of where Douglas families live. We are aware of the need to cross Knight Street as part of the walk and will work on plans in place to support students in walking safely to and from school.

At **South Hill Swing Site** we will be sharing the building with Livingstone Elementary students and staff who are currently using part of the space as they await their move back to their school by early February.

## **Out of School Care Programing:**

District staff have been in contact with both the Boys and Girls Club which operates off-site and with the YMCA program which was operating out of Douglas Elementary. Families with students enrolled in either of these programs should be receiving information directly from each provider as to plans for programming in the coming weeks. Please know that although these programs are not operated by the District we are committed to working collaboratively with each provider in order to support them while we are out of our school building.

We want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we have worked to determine plans for Douglas students and staff following the very unfortunate flooding of our school. We will provide more information early next week about plans for Thursday and will also keep you updated as we learn more about when we can expect to return to our building.

Sincerely,

Kevin Land & Meghan Gomes  
Douglas Administration Team