



BACKGROUNDER:

***CROSS BOUNDARY RESTRICTION TO UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EFFECTIVE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR***

At the December 15, 2021 In Camera Board Meeting, the Board of Education approved a revision of the cross boundary process that effective the 2022-2023 school year, cross boundary applications to Uplands Elementary School will be restricted to children with a sibling currently enrolled in the school. Cross boundary applications, otherwise, will not be accepted for Uplands Elementary School. This decision was made based on a strong recommendation by the Senior Leadership Team in conjunction with Uplands Elementary School’s cross boundary history over the past several years.

In the Spring 2021, the Senior Leadership Team for Coast Mountains School District 82 (CMSD82) projected a student enrolment space capacity issue in Terrace in the Uplands Elementary School catchment area (hereinafter referred to as “the Bench”) as communicated to the Board of Education. The new developments on the Bench as well as current cross boundary procedures, currently pose a school capacity issue. Minor renovations were made to Uplands Elementary School in the summer of 2021 to facilitate an additional division at the school. There are now fifteen divisions at Uplands Elementary School at the school’s capacity with 293 students.

CMSD82 is looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year. The Board of Education acknowledges the benefit of students being able to attend their neighbourhood school, whenever possible. This change in cross boundary process, in accordance to [CMSD82 Policy 1030 – Schools and Programs of Choice](#), is intended to make Uplands Elementary School available for neighbourhood students.

Fewer students granted cross boundary applications to Uplands Elementary School, could result in a more stable enrollment. This would give the Board of Education time to monitor the growth in the school’s population and the housing growth in that area.

For reference, please find a table illustrating the cross boundary applications received by Uplands Elementary School for the past six school years.

Cross Boundary Applications Received by Uplands Elementary School								
<u>Uplands Elementary</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021-2022 School Year	1	2	1	2				6
2020-2021 School Year	8		1	1	1	1	3	15
2019-2020 School Year	4			1				5
2018-2019 School Year	12	1	2	2	1	1	1	20
2017-2018 School Year	5	1	1	2		1	2	12
2016-2017 School Year	10		2					12
Totals:	40	4	7	8	2	3	6	70

For more information about registering in your neighbourhood school, please contact the Board of Education Executive Assistant at (250) 638-4401 for assistance.