

November 2024

Dear K-4 Families,

With the opening of **SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary School** in **September 2025** new catchment boundaries will be implemented. **All K-4 students with in SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary School catchment will automatically be enrolled at SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary School for September 2025.**

**If you reside in SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary School catchment BUT would like to remain at your current school, you will need to complete a School Change Request (SCR) from January 13-24, 2025.**

**Progress to Date:**

- **February 2023:** Public consultation opened for the new SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary catchment area.
- **March 2023:** Public feedback was collected, and an email was sent to families in the proposed catchment area.
- **November 2023:** Presentation of the proposed catchment and boundary changes to the Resources Committee.
- **December 2023:** Public consultation feedback presented to the Board of Education.
- **January 2024:** Board of Education approval of the new catchment boundaries.
- **January – March 2024:** Individual consultations with affected families to address specific concerns.
- **October-November 2024:** PAC Meeting Presentations and Resources Committee Presentation, SPEAC Presentation about catchment changes.

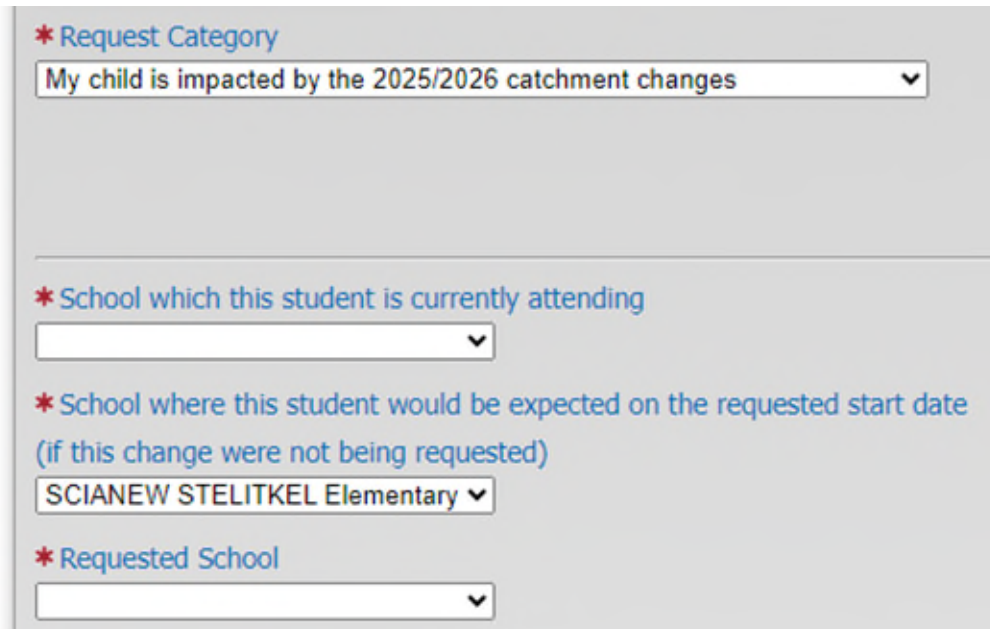
**At this time:** This message serves as a broad notification to all elementary school families impacted by the upcoming changes. These adjustments will affect families whose children will be attending **SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary** starting in **September 2025**.

**What's Next:**

- **December 2024:** An email will be sent to all families living within the new catchment boundaries for SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary School.
- **January 2025:** The [School Change Request \(SCR\)](#) period will open for families who wish to remain at their current school rather than attend their new catchment school. The SCR window opens January 13 at 8:00 am and closes January 24 at 4:00 pm, 2025. The School Change Request (SCR) period will be open specifically for families in the **SĆIΛNEW STEΛITKEŁ Elementary School** catchment who would like to complete an SCR to request that their child remain at their current school. Please note: **This SCR window is for this specific transition**

**only; no other requests will be accepted during this period. All other requests can be applied for during the regular School Change Request period from February 10-21, 2025.**

**Below is an example of the form you will need to complete online.**



The image shows a screenshot of an online form for requesting a school change. It contains four dropdown menus, each preceded by a red asterisk and a blue label:

- \* Request Category**: The dropdown menu is open, showing the selected option "My child is impacted by the 2025/2026 catchment changes".
- \* School which this student is currently attending**: The dropdown menu is empty.
- \* School where this student would be expected on the requested start date (if this change were not being requested)**: The dropdown menu is open, showing the selected option "SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary".
- \* Requested School**: The dropdown menu is empty.

**Be sure to put the correct information in the corresponding box.**

**School Information:**

- SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary School serves students from kindergarten to grade 5.
- Students will transition to **Dunsmuir Middle School** for grades 6-8.

To check if your address falls within the **SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary School** catchment, please visit the [School Locator](#) website.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**

- 1. If I want my child to attend SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary, what do I need to do?**
  - No action is required if you live in SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary School Catchment. Your child will automatically be enrolled at the new catchment school for the 2025-26 school year.
- 2. What if I want my child to remain at their current school?**
  - You will need to complete a [School Change Request \(SCR\)](#) form during the request period of January 13- 24.

- Please note that school change requests are subject to availability and are **not guaranteed**. We follow Board Policy and Regulation F-502 in relation to these requests. [School Catchment Areas and Student Placement | Sooke School District](#)
3. **Will my child be eligible for bussing if they choose to attend a school outside of their catchment?**
- No. Bus routes are designed for students to attend their catchment schools. For Transportation questions, please visit: [Transportation | Sooke School District](#)
4. **If my child lives in the SCÍANEW STĒLITKĒL Elementary catchment but attends an out-of-catchment elementary school, what middle school will they attend?**
- Your child will transition to their designated middle school based on your catchment area. If you live within the SCÍANEW STĒLITKĒL Elementary catchment, your child will transition to **Dunsmuir Middle School**.
5. **My child is currently in grade 5. Can they attend a different middle school next year?**
- Current grade 5 students will be assigned to their catchment middle school.
  - Please note that all current kindergarten to grade 4 students in **SCÍANEW STĒLITKĒL Elementary** will automatically transition to **Dunsmuir Middle School**, for grade 6.
  - If you want your child to attend an out of catchment middle school, you will need to complete an SCR during the Feb 10-21 window.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these boundary changes. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [catch62@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:catch62@sd62.bc.ca) .

Sincerely,

Sooke School District Catchment Team