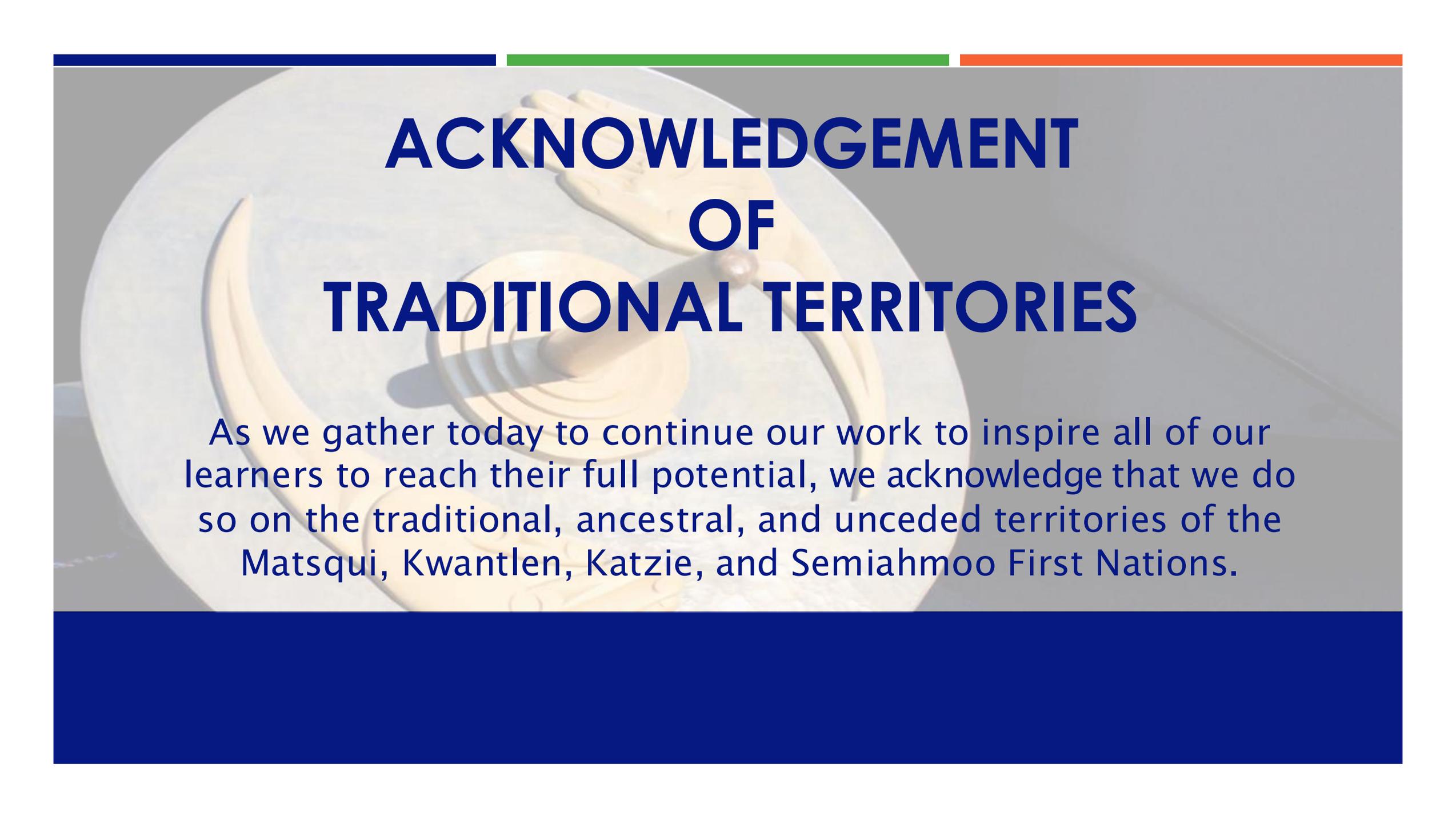




**MIDDLE AND SECONDARY  
BOUNDARY CHANGE PROCESS  
IN THE  
R.E. MOUNTAIN SECONDARY  
AND SMITH REGION**

**Community Consultation – Round #2  
February-April 2026**



# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES**

As we gather today to continue our work to inspire all of our learners to reach their full potential, we acknowledge that we do so on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

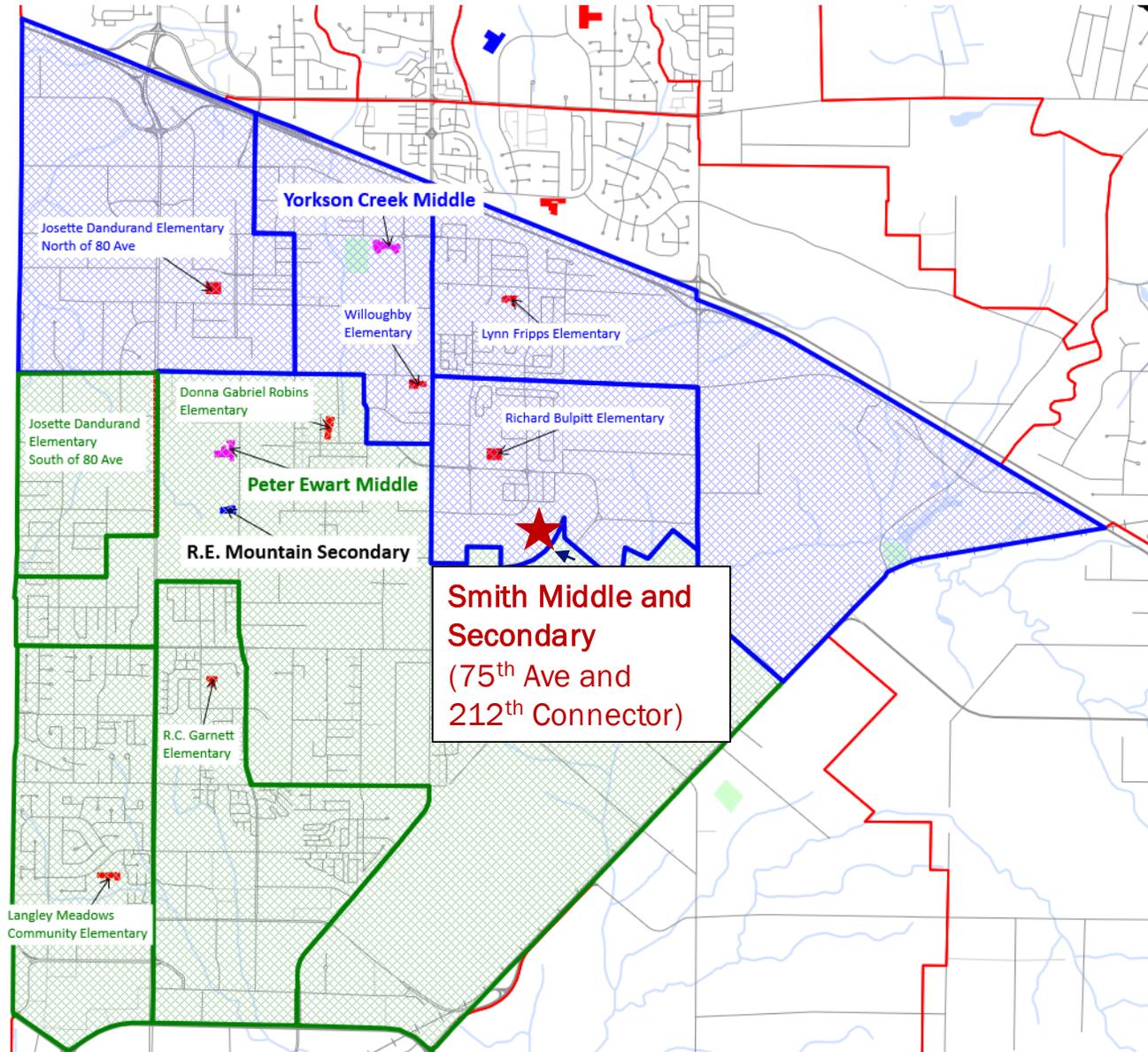
# AGENDA

- *Growth in the REMSS Catchment*
- *Review of the Process*
- *Parent/Community Consultation Themes*
- *Key Considerations*
- *Proposed Boundary Change Proposal*
- *Next Steps*

# Compassionate and inclusive social and academic learning communities in all Langley Schools.



- ✓ Caring for the social emotional well-being of children
- ✓ Being mindful of the physical well-being of children
- ✓ Providing vibrant and sustainable learning opportunities for all children



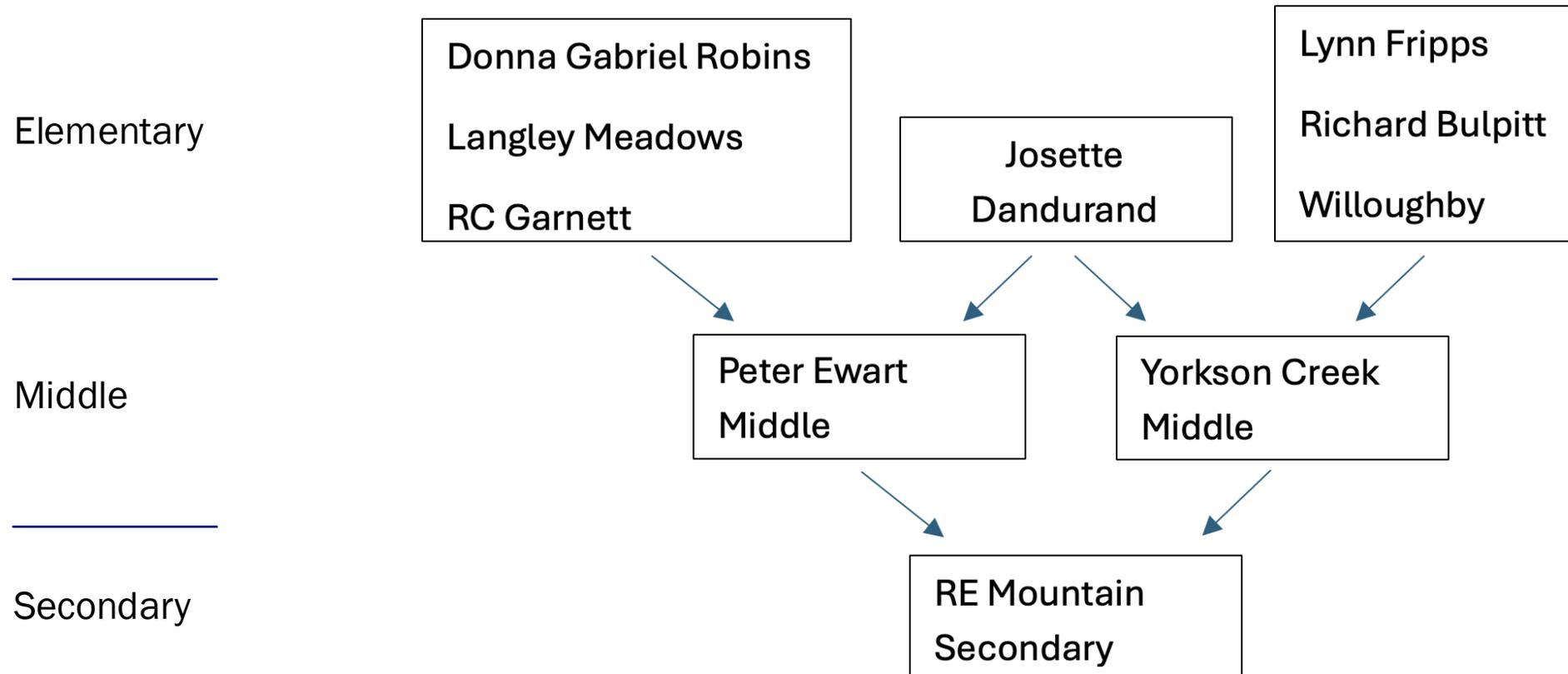
## MAP OF CURRENT MIDDLE CATCHMENTS ON THE WILLOUGHBY SLOPE:

- PETER EWART MIDDLE
- YORKSON CREEK MIDDLE

**BOTH MIDDLE SCHOOLS SEND THEIR STUDENTS TO RE MOUNTAIN SECONDARY**

# REMSS Catchment Schools

(As of September 2025)



# MIDDLE SCHOOL GROWTH AND PROJECTIONS

|                          | <b>Sept 2021</b> | <b>Sept 2023</b> | <b>Sept 2025</b> | <b>Sept 2027*</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Peter Ewart</b>       | 770/773          | 888/891          | 983              | 1,147             |
| <b>Yorkson<br/>Creek</b> | 674/679          | 856/858          | 1,052/<br>1,053  | 1,146             |

**\*Based on 2024 Projections**

# REMSS SCHOOL GROWTH AND PROJECTIONS

|              | <b>Sept 2021</b> | <b>Sept 2023</b> | <b>Sept 2025</b> | <b>Sept 2027*</b> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REMSS</b> | 1,698/<br>1,821  | 2,181/<br>2,300  | 2,552/<br>2,573  | 2,922             |

\*Based on 2024 Projections

# ENROLMENT CAPACITY OF EACH SCHOOL

| Middle School | Capacity (students) |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Peter Ewart   | 900                 |
| Yorkson Creek | 790                 |
| Smith Middle  | 900                 |

| Secondary School | Capacity (students) |
|------------------|---------------------|
| RE Mountain      | 2075 (+ 300)        |
| Smith Secondary  | 1900                |

# REVIEW OF THE PROCESS - PHASE 1

**December 2025 to Present:** Met with REMSS Family of Schools administrators to prepare the community  
Met District staff to discuss feedback, impact, supports and boundary change options.

**January & February 2026:** Attended PAC/Parent meetings for all schools on the Willoughby Slope:

- Thursday, January 8 Yorkson Creek Middle 6:30 pm
- Monday, January 12 Peter Ewart Middle 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 13 Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 29 RE Mountain Secondary 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 4 Richard Bulpitt Elementary 6:30 pm

# REVIEW OF THE PROCESS - PHASE 2

## February/March 2026:

Once options have been narrowed down, attending PAC/Parent meetings in 5 different schools, that would see boundary changes (invited ALL Willoughby Slope schools to attend):

- Monday, February 23 RE Mountain Secondary 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 25 Yorkson Creek Middle 6:30 pm
- Monday, March 2 Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary 6:30 pm
- Monday, March 9 Lynn Fripps Elementary 6:30 pm

## February/April 2026:

- Review in-person feedback from Phase 1 and 2 meetings and all email feedback;
- Fine-tune boundary options and plans, based on data and Phase 2 feedback;
- Present to Trustees at a Board Meeting in April

# PARENT/COMMUNITY CONSULTATION THEMES - PHASE 1

- *Collected questions and comments at each meeting (approximately 125 parents over the five meetings).*
- *24 additional emails sent in to [feedback@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:feedback@sd35.bc.ca)*
- *Several themes emerged as priorities for parents/the community in these meetings:*
  - *The International Baccalaureate (IB) program and Pre-IB program*
  - *Grandfathering of students at their current school*
  - *Elective options at the new Smith Secondary school*

# COMMON SENTIMENTS

*\*Please note, the following are not exact quotes. They are samples of what was expressed by many families in both the consultation and through email:*

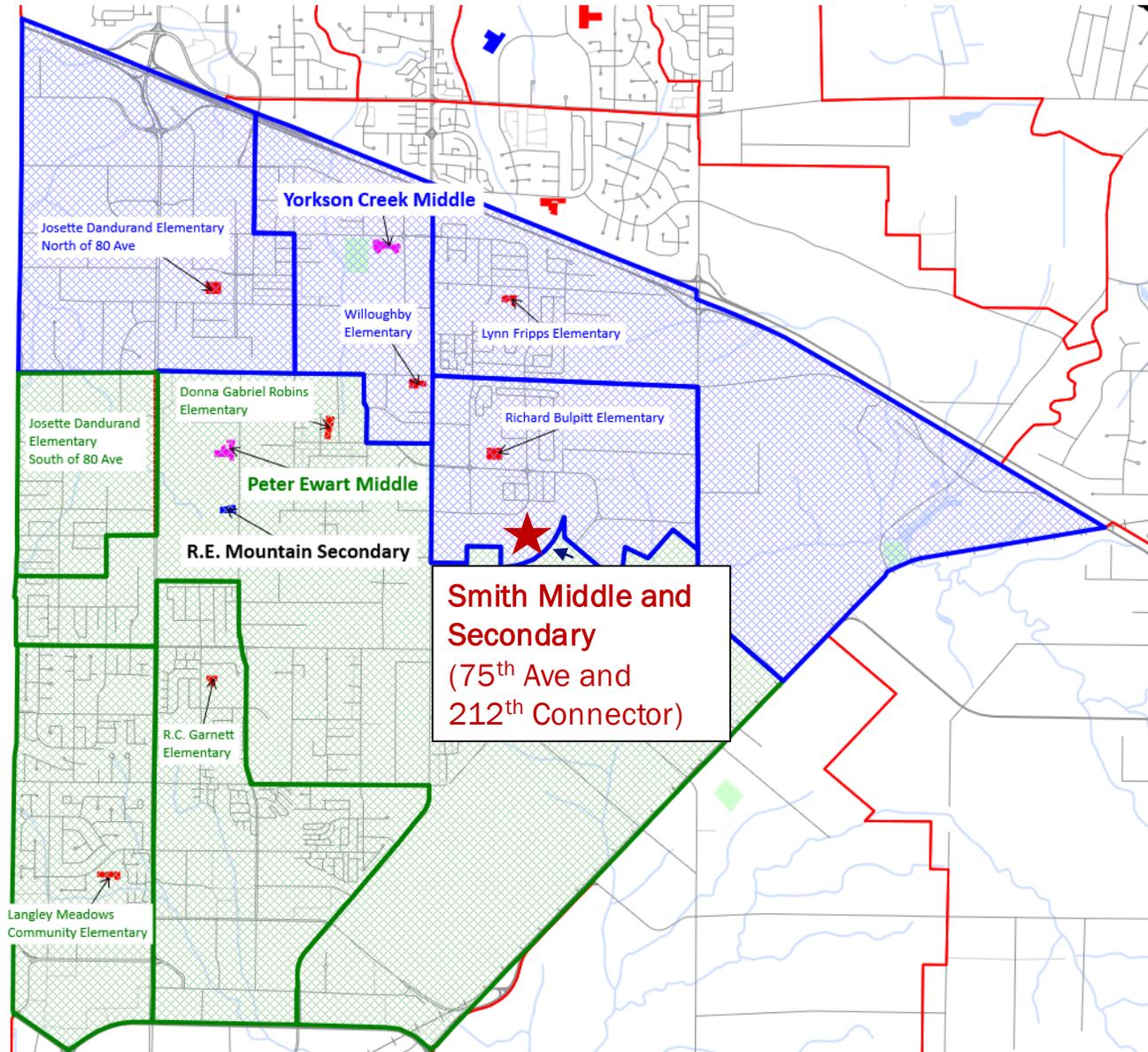
- *“My child wants to enter the pre-IB and IB program at REMSS. If we’re in the new Smith Secondary catchment, they won’t be able to have that academic opportunity.”*
- *“My child will be entering grade 12 at REMSS in 2027. After having spent many years at REMSS, learning, making friends, building relationships with teachers and staff, having them leave to go to a new school in their senior year is heartbreaking and unfair.”*
- *“If my child has to go to the new Smith Middle and Smith Secondary, I want to ensure they have the same courses and electives as the two other middle schools and REMSS.”*
- *“My house is already close to their current middle and secondary school. I don’t want to have to travel further to get my child to school.”*
- *“My child has already transitioned so many times in their academic career. I’m really concerned that another transition will impact them academically.”*
- *“My child has made strong connections with the teachers and staff at REMSS. If my child moves to Smith Secondary, will some of those teachers and staff get hired to work there?”*

# SAMPLE QUESTIONS – PHASE 1 CONSULTATION

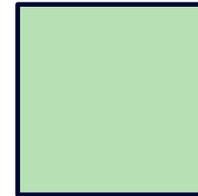
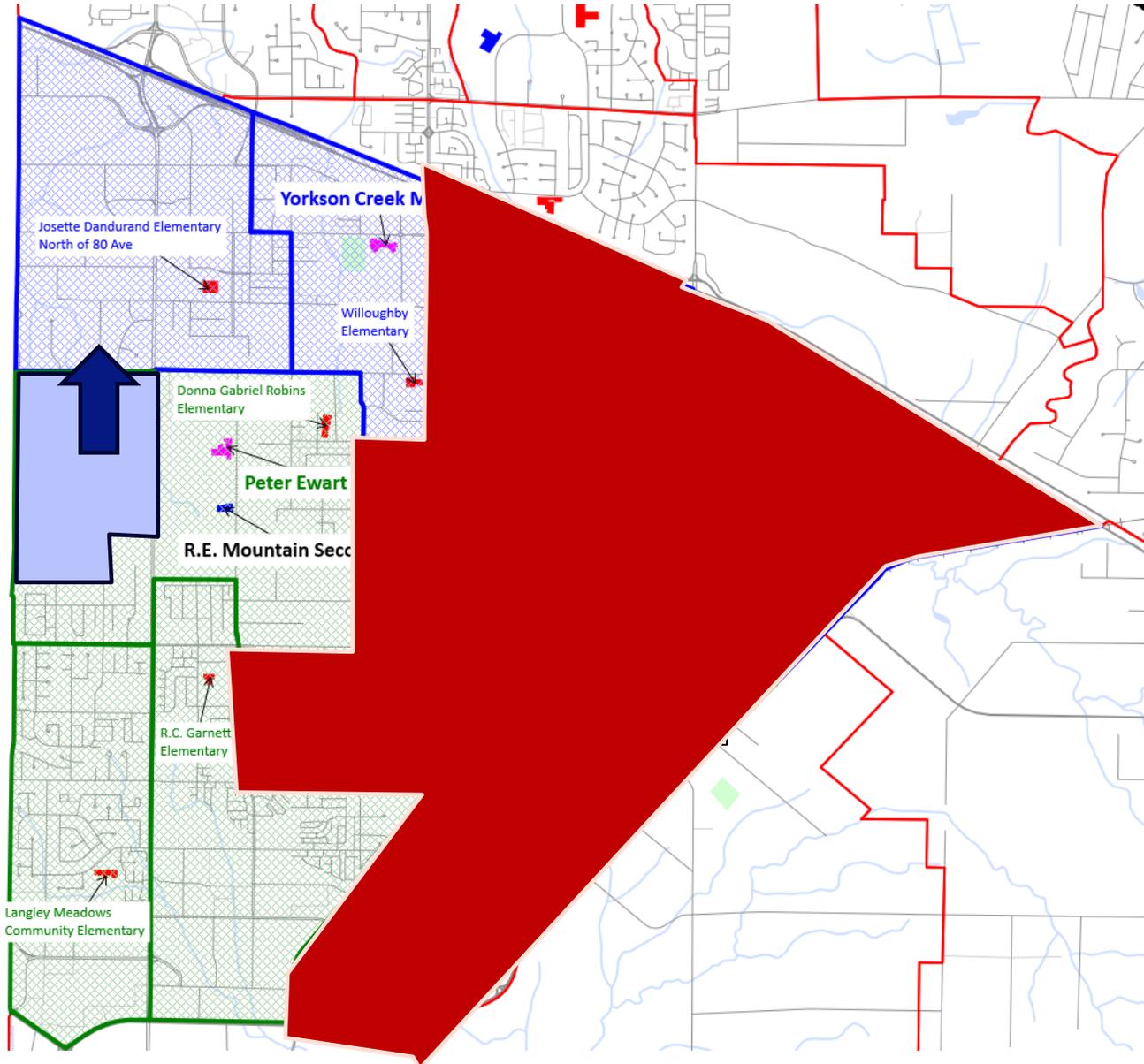
- 1. Will the new Smith Secondary School offer an IB or pre-IB program?*
- 2. Will any current students be grandfathered (including siblings)?*
- 3. What electives, trades programs, and specialty courses will be available at Smith Secondary?*

# KEY CONSIDERATIONS: FROM THE DATA AND FEEDBACK

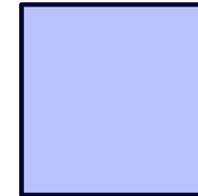
- *As much as possible, have students attend their catchment schools;*
- *Consider the impact on the IB program, with approximately ½ of students in the program living in the Smith catchment;*
- *Balance the populations at each of the three Middle schools, according to enrolment capacity;*
- *Balance the populations at each of the two Secondary schools, according to enrolment capacity;*
- *Consider keeping as many catchments as possible “whole” when feeding into the next level school (i.e. Elementary into Middle, or Middle into Secondary);*
- *Consider the possibility of grandfathering, while ensuring projections are meaningful;*
- *Consider the location of main roads and other geographic features when drawing new boundary lines.*



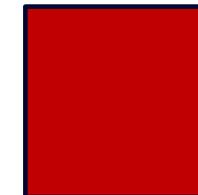
# CURRENT BOUNDARIES: MIDDLE



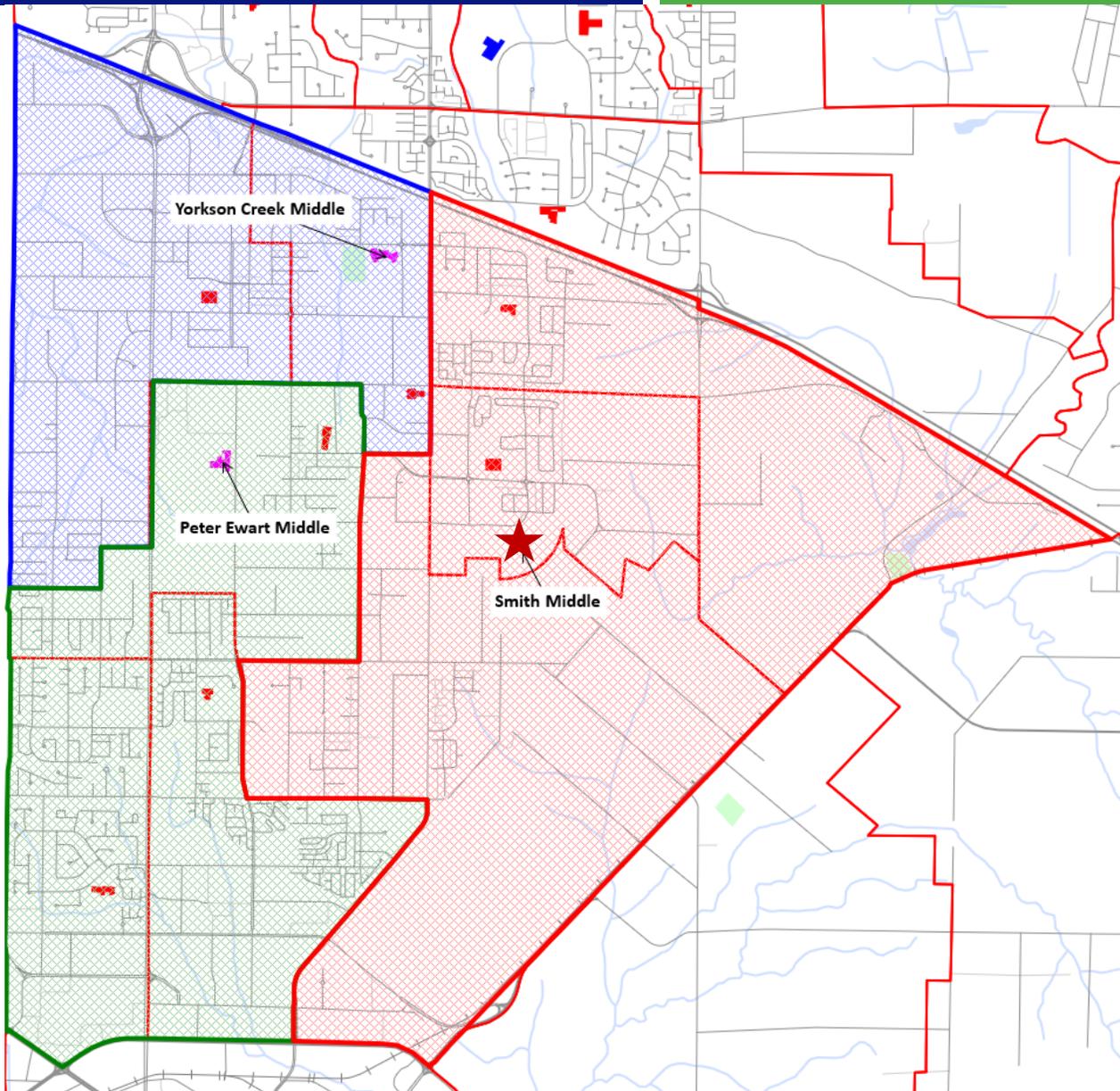
Peter Ewart Catchment



Yorkson Creek Catchment



Smith Middle Catchment



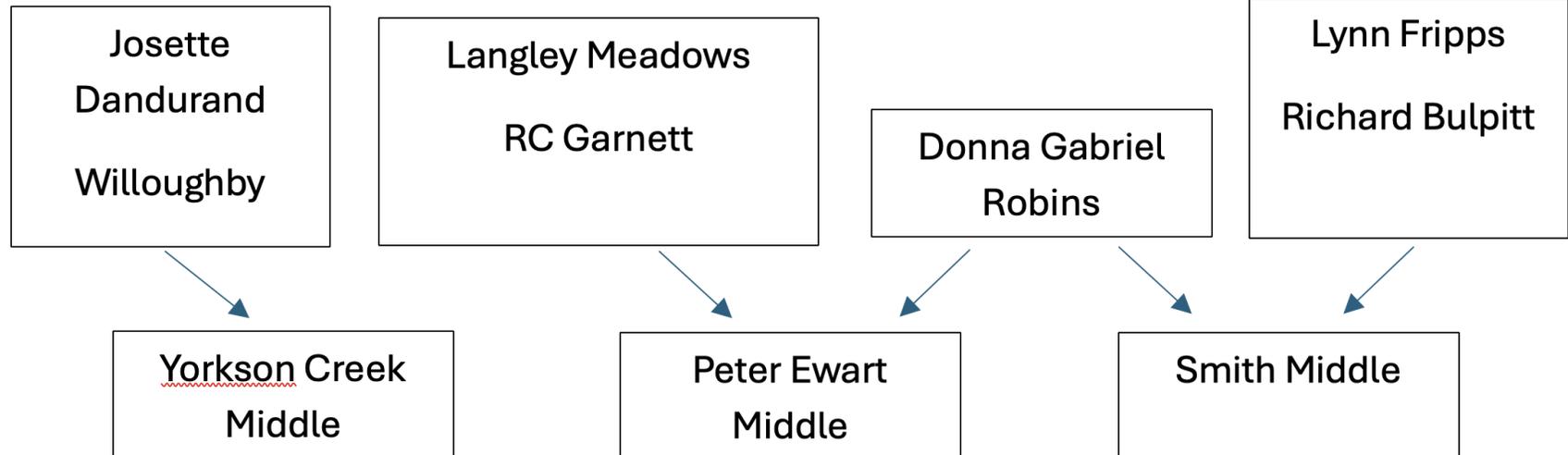
## PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES: MIDDLE

- JOSETTE DANDURAND SOUTH – TO YCMS
- RICHARD BULPITT AND LYNN FRIPPS TO SMITH MIDDLE
- DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS EAST OF 206<sup>TH</sup>, SOUTH OF 72<sup>ND</sup>, EAST OF RCG CATCHMENT TO SMITH MIDDLE

# REMSS and Smith Catchment Schools

(PROPOSED for September 2027)

*Elementary*

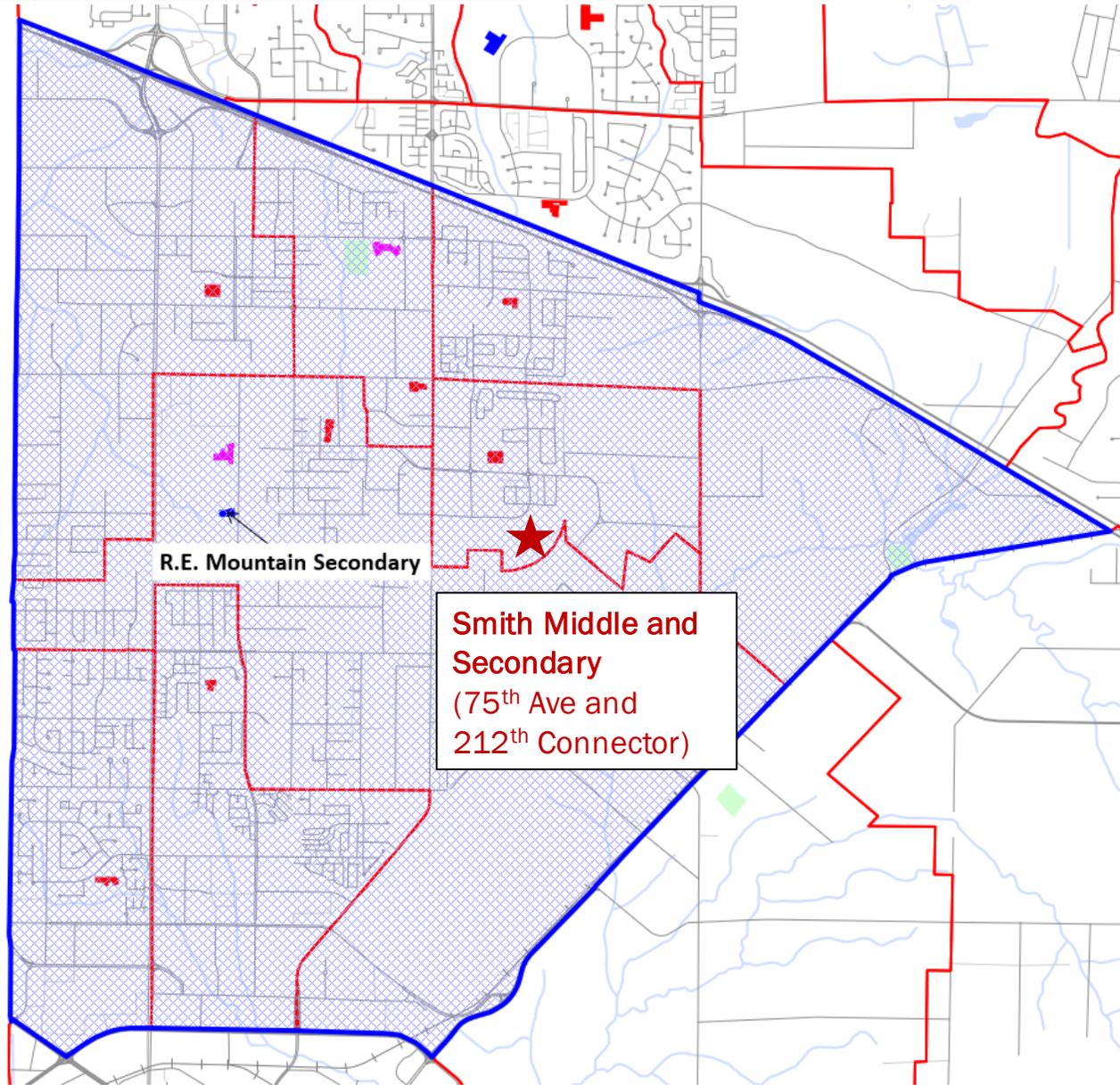


*Middle*

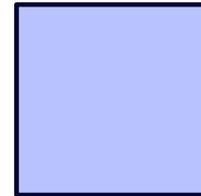
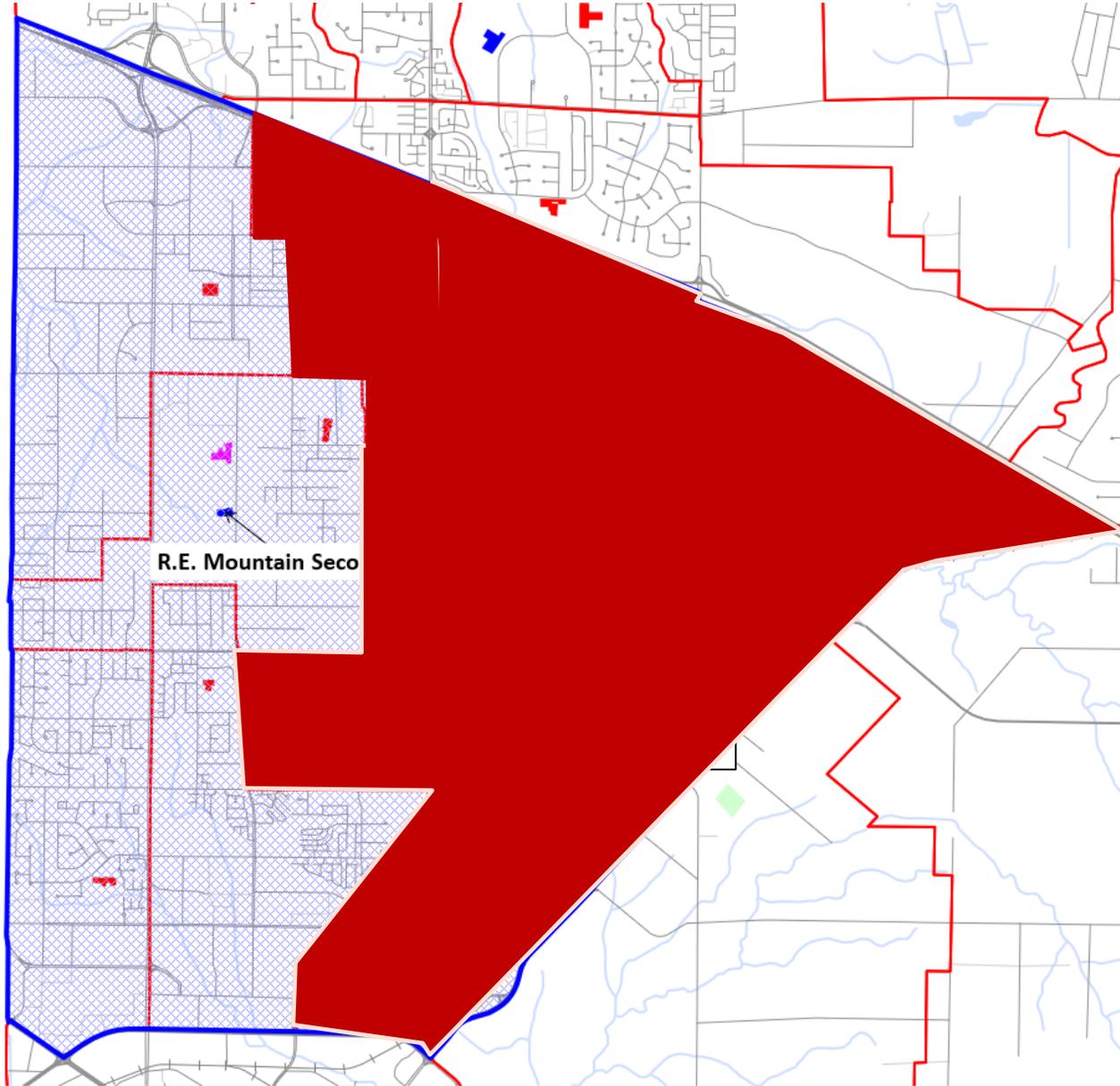
# MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTIONS (5 & 10 YEAR)

## BASED ON 2025 PROJECTIONS

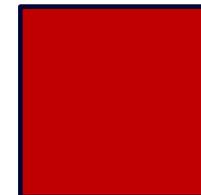
|                     | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Projection</b> |              |              |              |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>School Name</b>  | <b>Sep 25</b> | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2027</b>  | <b>2030</b>  | <b>2035</b>  |
| Peter Ewart (900)   | 983           | 983               | 827          | 980          | 1,331        |
| Yorkson Creek (790) | 1,052         | 1,080             | 690          | 922          | 1,197        |
| Smith Middle (900)  | -             | -                 | 770          | 942          | 1,255        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,035</b>  | <b>2,063</b>      | <b>2,287</b> | <b>2,844</b> | <b>3,783</b> |



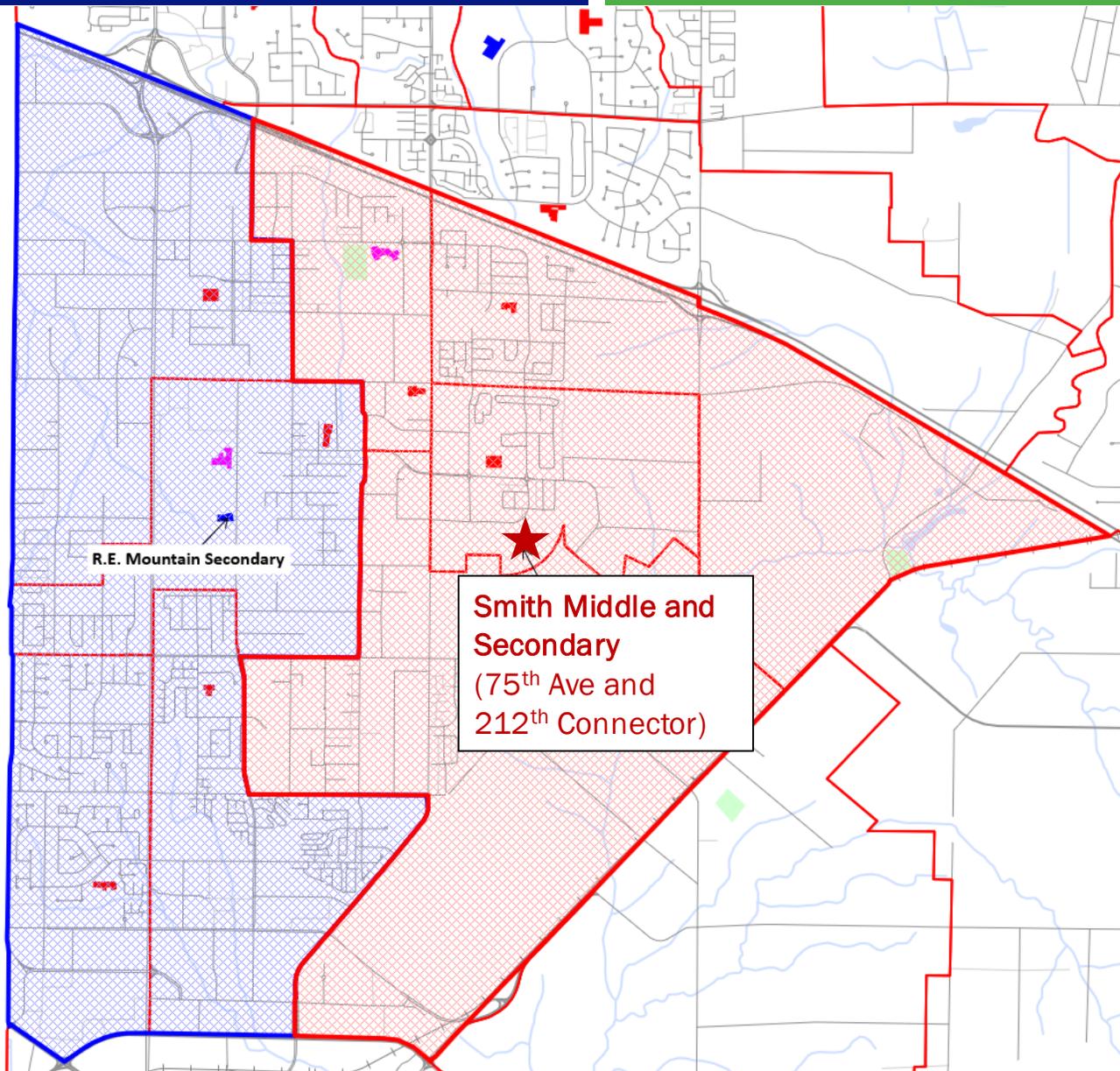
# CURRENT BOUNDARIES: SECONDARY



REMSS Catchment



Smith Secondary Catchment:  
(Smith Middle + Willoughby  
Elementary)



## PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES: SECONDARY

- SMITH MIDDLE TO SMITH SECONDARY
- YORKSON MIDDLE SPLIT, WITH WILLOUGHBY ELEMENTARY GOING TO SMITH SECONDARY

# REMSS and Smith Catchment Schools

(PROPOSED for September 2027)

*Middle*

Peter Ewart  
Middle

Yorkson Creek  
Middle

Smith Middle

*Secondary*

RE Mountain  
Secondary

Smith  
Secondary

# SECONDARY SCHOOL PROJECTIONS (5 & 10 YEAR)

## BASED ON 2025 PROJECTIONS

|                          | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Projection</b> |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>School Name</b>       | <b>Sep 25</b> | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2027</b>  | <b>2030</b>  | <b>2035</b>  |
| RE Mountain (2075 + 300) | 2,552         | 2,687             | 1,762        | 2,049        | 2,521        |
| Smith Secondary (1900)   | -             | -                 | 1,131        | 1,396        | 1,807        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>2,552</b>  | <b>2,687</b>      | <b>2,863</b> | <b>3,445</b> | <b>4,328</b> |

*\*This includes estimated IB 11 and 12 Students from Smith attending REMSS.*

# School to School Transitions

Josette Dandurand ⇒ Yorkson Creek ⇒ REMSS

Willoughby ⇒ Yorkson Creek ⇒ Smith Secondary

Langley Meadows and RC Garnett ⇒ Peter Ewart ⇒ REMSS

Lynn Fripps and Richard Bulpitt ⇒ Smith Middle ⇒ Smith Sec.

Donna Gabriel Robins (east) ⇒ Smith Middle ⇒ Smith Sec.

Donna Gabriel Robins (west) ⇒ Peter Ewart ⇒ REMSS

# ADDITIONAL PROPOSED CHANGES AND ACTIONS

- *IB is a District Program, and will accept students from catchments beyond RE Mountain Secondary*
- *The District will work with the Principal of Smith Secondary to create a Pre-IB program at Smith at Grades 9 and 10.*
- *Students going into Grade 12 at REMSS in September 2027 will remain at REMSS to graduate. Their younger siblings, however, would not be “grandfathered” to be at REMSS. The District will look at individual cases to consider hardship on families.*
- *JDE catchment south of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue*
  - *Only for students going into Grade 8 at PEMS on September 2027 who live south of 80<sup>th</sup> Ave and West of 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue (in the Josette Dandurand Elementary catchment), these students may apply to cross boundary at PEMS or go to their catchment school which will become Yorkson Creek. Their siblings, however, would NOT be grandfathered to remain at PEMS.*



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**QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK**