

Boundary Review: Middle-Secondary Catchment

Semath Catchment Form

Completion time	Email	Please share how you are best connected to the Abbotsford School District.	Do you support the proposed change to move the catchment area for Semath Elementary students from Abbotsford Middle / Abbotsford Secondary to W.A. Fraser Middle / Yale Secondary?	If you answered 'No' to the previous question, please help us better understand your concerns for opposing the proposed catchment change. (Select all that apply)	Please share any additional comments or concerns you have regarding the proposed catchment boundary change:
3-8-24 12:05:21	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 12:06:55	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		WA Fraser & Yale are closer to our residence
3-8-24 12:09:48	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		W.A Fraser is much closer to my home, being in huntingdon. Rather then driving my son to abby middle where my other kids would be at semath. I would drive past Semath to bring my oldest to Fraser
3-8-24 12:12:41	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		I believe the areas of Fraser and Yale are better suited to the kids in the Semeth elementary school
3-8-24 12:18:04	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		We live in Huntingdon Village, and have 2 kids in Semath Elementary. Soon to be 3 kids. Logistically, it makes way more sense for our kids to go to Fraser/Yale. We fully support this change from Abbotsford Middle/Senior to Fraser/Yale. We are opposed leaving the catchments as is.
3-8-24 12:22:27	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 12:25:27	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 12:32:59	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 12:39:16	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 12:40:20	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		Thrilled to hear this. We really hope it goes through.
3-8-24 12:42:20	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		We absolutely support this move and believe that it would be a great fit for our family to move to Fraser/Yale
3-8-24 12:48:23	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		It's closer to drive to and easy from the elementary school
3-8-24 13:13:32	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		Totally support this move.
3-8-24 13:16:35	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	No	Impact on Student Relationships;Preference for the current family of schools community;Logistical and Transportation Challenges;Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);3 of my kids already attend Abby middle and senior and we love it and are happy there ;	I don't want to uproot my family from Abby. We feel the programs they offer are better especially for my family. I do not want my kids going to two different schools. The catchment was already changed less than 8 years ago and I do not feel it's wise to change it yet again. Especially since so many new housing developments will be coming into play and you'll end up having to switch the catchment all over again, our little school seems to always be the one having to change cattachment, which makes it difficult for families involved. The excuse for moving is it was a longer drive for parents from barrowtown. The drive between Yale and Abby is only 2 km difference. That seems a ridiculous reason to uproot all the families who have already made Abby middle and senior home. The majority of parents who wanted the switch don't have kids outside of elementary school. They don't understand the importance the school has to our older children.
3-8-24 13:34:53	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		Logistical and Transportation Challenges;
3-8-24 13:37:40	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		

3-8-24 13:51:01	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No	<p>Preference for the current family of schools community;Impact on Student Relationships;Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);</p>	<p>I have 1 child in elementary, 1 in Middle school and 1 in high school. My first 2 children were involved in the 2016 catchment change and it was a nightmare. We had a great community ripped from us and had to start a new one. My 2 older children have now found that community in Abby middle/Abby Sr and changing that again will be detrimental to their mental health. My childrens mental health and community connection is more important to me than Barrowtown parents wanting a "fresh start"</p> <p>We also rely on the busing which has been amazing. My kids are on the bus until 3:40 every day and I couldn't have my job if my kids weren't on the bus.</p> <p>The real issue is the fact that a new school needs to be built instead of changing our children's school again!</p> <p>"These transitions can be difficult both academically and socially. A stable and consistent learning experience better prepares students to fully participate in the curriculum and life of the schools they attend"- taken from an article from the Abbotsford school district Feb 2016</p> <p>I 100% think that changing the catchment now will get changed back in another 5 years when Mrs Coopers farm is fully developed, condos/townhouse currently starting in East Abbotsford (the News building/John Morrow)</p> <p>Where are all those kids going to go? East Abbotsford is expanding and Fraser/Yale will be way past the max numbers and we will get kicked out again. Looking towards the future and the rapid growth to me is one large factor and our children shouldn't have to suffer (again)</p>
3-8-24 14:15:35	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 14:17:51	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No	<p>Preference for the current family of schools community;Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);Impact on Student Relationships;Programs for my kids are available in our current catchment;</p>	<p>Leave us alone! Move other kids in surroundings areas that make a bigger impact on space. You have already forced people in our community to move school, grandfathered them, and then kicked those kids out of these schools when they were suppose to be grandfathered.</p> <p>We have a daughter in Abby middle and our sons at upper sumas... KEEP US WHERE WE ARE!</p> <p>My boys have been playing football for three years and due to the schools having football programs there aren't any football programs once they hit grade 9. Currently they will be able to go play at Abby Senior but they won't be able to at Yale.</p> <p>These schools are not equal and don't fit our families needs and we shouldn't have to argue and fight to go to the schools in our catchment because other parents don't like the reputation.</p> <p>My youngest is 2 and I want all our kids to have the same opportunities just leave our little community alone!</p> <p>This is so upsetting!</p>
3-8-24 14:17:55	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No	<p>Preference for the current family of schools community;Logistical and Transportation Challenges;Impact on Student Relationships;Issues for families with kids of multiple ages;</p>	
3-8-24 14:30:36	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	Yes		
3-8-24 14:35:33	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		<p>With being such a small elementary school, maybe give parents a choice.</p>
3-8-24 14:44:03	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		<p>Thank you for reconsidering the catchment!</p>
3-8-24 14:49:32	anonymous	I have a child in secondary school	No	<p>Impact on Student Relationships;Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);Logistical and Transportation Challenges;Preference for the current family of schools community;</p>	<p>In 2016 the school board blind sided us with switching catchments as well as taking away our 6 & 7s at Upper Sumas. It took our community a long time to adjust. And the ripple effect is still felt by families because of the school boards choices that year. Now things are settled and those first kids who went through the catchment change are graduating this year. Why are you even considering this change? Yale and Abby are at max capacity with growth expected in all communities. It makes no sense to change something that isn't broken. Unless there is a clear academic reason why the catchment change must be done it would be foolish to make this change. Families like to put down roots. When roots are constantly uprooted it makes for unsettled homes, anxiety in our children, and a lack of trust. How can we trust you won't decide to change the catchment again when another group of parents decides they don't like it? Have parents with children at Abby come forward with complaints? The silence of parents should be a loud confirmation that all has been good for the last 7 years at Abby and that should be enough to keep our catchment the way it is.</p>
3-8-24 14:51:38	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		

3-8-24 14:59:40	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-8-24 15:10:55	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	No		Abbotsford middle/senior has better opportunities for my daughter. They have more ea assistants to help her with her autism.
3-8-24 15:11:21	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		I feel there needs to be a clear proposal. There is starting to be a lot of misinformation spread which is causing a lot of arguing between parents on what it actually means .
3-8-24 15:14:46	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No	Impact on Student Relationships;	I have two kids that would be affected. Eight or so years ago you changed it and now you are suggesting changing it back. Our kids enjoy Abby middle and senior. We do not approve of the change as it will be terrible for their mental health, friendships, and educational goals.
3-8-24 16:08:30	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		I would prefer the change to happen for 2024/2025 as I have a child entering middle school that year, as opposed to the following year when we are in the second year and then switch middle schools. Thank you
3-8-24 17:04:19	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		Appreciated your presentation this week and think the move would be a great fit for our little school!
3-8-24 17:37:44	anonymous	I have a child in secondary school	No	Impact on Student Relationships;Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);Preference for the current family of schools community;Mental health ;	Everyone who is currently enrolled in Abby middle or Abby senior want to stay in the school. From what I saw at the meeting - young parents who don't even have kids in the middle of senior want a change. The very fact that there was even a meeting about this change offends me and my fellow Abby middle/senior parents. If it ain't broke don't fix it.
3-8-24 18:09:49	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	No	While in the SeMath catchment, my children began at Mtn Elem (oldest is special needs). My following children started at Mtn Elem, then onto Fraser. Six years ago, we were forced to leave Fraser and attend Abby. Leaving 12 years of friendships and close bonds with the families of Mtn. It has caused undue stress and huge anxiety for my kids to start at new schools without a single one of their friends as years prior. ;	While in the SeMath catchment, my children began at Mtn Elem (oldest is special needs). My following children started at Mtn Elem, then onto Fraser. Six years ago, we were forced to leave Fraser and attend Abby. Leaving 12 years of friendships and close bonds with the families of Mtn. It has caused undue stress and huge anxiety for my kids to start at new schools without a single one of their friends as years prior. It made our older children's final highschool education experience rocky as they didn't feel supported at their new schools.
3-8-24 19:34:21	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		This school is closer for us to go to
3-8-24 19:34:41	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		My children are not interested in going to a trade school
3-8-24 19:36:01	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No		
3-8-24 20:24:58	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		I think this is an excellent proposal and support this 100%.
3-9-24 8:18:52	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		I think it's just the best option considering how Abbotsford middle and senior capacity being full
3-9-24 8:57:09	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-9-24 9:18:28	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-9-24 9:45:58	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		No concerns, all for the change to Fraser and Yale
3-9-24 18:24:52	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-9-24 19:22:07	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-9-24 20:07:44	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		
3-10-24 14:39:50	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes		I love the families at our elementary school and I would love to see the kids grow up together through middle and high school. I know that a lot of families have communicated that they would send their children to a private school if the catchment stays at Abby Middle and Senior. That is why I voted for the change. Thank you
3-10-24 16:40:12	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No	Impact on Student Relationships;Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);	

3-11-24 8:06:33	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	<p>Our family is 100% in support of this boundary change. When we made the decision to move from Langley to Abbotsford in April of 2017, we researched the area and the school catchments, and purchased our home based on our findings. We purchased our home specifically because our neighbourhood fed into Upper Sumas, William A Fraser and Yale and we also loved that those schools were in close proximity to the Abbotsford Recreation Centre. The families who live in neighbourhoods surrounding these schools have become our community and it is very important to our family to maintain these supportive relationships as we raise our children in this city. This is our community.</p> <p>It was brought up at the meeting by one of the school district staff that there could be a possibility to allow Semá:th and Barrowtown to have a choice of which family of schools their children attend (being IN catchment for both schools), and I would ask you to please consider this as the option for our small, rural communities. This would not have a huge impact on school capacities at either family of schools, as the number of children feeding into Abby or Fraser each year is so minimal. I believe this is the best option for our community and would solve everyone's concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
3-11-24 14:57:49	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	Very happy with the proposed change to Yale/ Fraser.
3-11-24 20:51:46	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	Very strongly agree with the change to Fraser and Yale
3-11-24 22:33:27	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-11-24 22:33:40	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-11-24 22:34:21	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-12-24 7:40:10	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-12-24 8:05:53	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-12-24 8:54:40	anonymous	I have a child in middle school	No	<p>My two children came from Upper Sumas/ Semath and are now attending Abbotsford middle school. I do not think it would be fair at all for this catchment to be changed, and children like my own to possibly have to change back to catchment schools after they informed relationships in the community that they are in. It would not be fair to take them away from their peers and especially their teachers and coaches. this is such an important time in their lives, and they have formed a great stable place at Abbotsford middle school that I just don't think it would be fair. I do not support this at all. I know there has been talk about grandfathering in the children that are currently attending the middle in high school, but I just can't put my trust in that . ;</p> <p>I also feel with the development of land around us at some point things will have to get changed again in order to accommodate numbers and it's just a vicious cycle. Something obviously has to be done but I don't think now is the time to do it. I 100% do not support this change and I will be honest when my children first left Upper Sumas to head to Abbotsford middle school I was worried. But I will eat my words as I have never met such amazing teachers and staff they have supported my kids and help them when needed and it does not go unappreciated. To uproot my children, and many others would just not be fair!</p>
3-12-24 16:23:14	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-13-24 21:12:52	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-15-24 13:32:09	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	It would be helpful to get more information on what programs/academics/extra-curriculars both schools offer for students. Semath is a small close-knit community and it is important for families to stay connected with the families that our children have created relationships with. Is it possible that families be given a choice as to which school they would prefer for their family?
3-15-24 13:35:19	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	No	<p>Educational Continuity and Quality (academics, extracurriculars, etc.);Impact on Student Relationships;Preference for the current family of schools community;Logistical and Transportation Challenges;</p> <p>Not necessarily more supportive of either option. More information is needed before making a decision. Information regarding bussing, timeline for the proposed change, programs offered by both schools. It would be helpful to have more information or consultation sessions.</p>
3-15-24 13:35:37	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-15-24 16:39:24	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	
3-16-24 7:41:20	anonymous	I have a child in elementary school	Yes	