

MEDIA RELEASE

Catchment areas changing for some Transcona schools

(January 13, 2016) Catchment area boundaries will be changing for four early years schools in Transcona in the next two years.

Harold Hatcher, Wayoata, Westview and Radisson school boundaries will be adjusted. The RETSD board of trustees announced the changes on Jan. 12, following a review of catchment areas for all early and middle years schools east of Lagimodiere Boulevard.

“The board made it a priority this year to look at catchment areas because residential development is booming in our community. The rapid growth, which we expect will continue, has put Harold Hatcher School at capacity and we knew we had to create a plan that would address the situation,” says trustee Colleen Carswell, chair of the board.

Ms. Carswell said Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning told school divisions that it wouldn’t consider adding on to or building new schools until divisions conducted a review of school catchment areas.

The changes to the boundaries mean some Harold Hatcher School students will be moving to Radisson and Wayoata schools, while some Wayoata students will be moving to Harold Hatcher, Radisson and Westview schools. These moves will relieve the pressure at Harold Hatcher and even out enrolment among the four schools.

The new boundaries at the four schools take effect immediately for all residents moving into the area, as well as for all kindergarten registrations for September 2016.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students currently in school who are affected by the boundary changes have the option of moving to their new school in September 2016. In September 2017, they will be required to move. Students currently in grade 2 through 5 have the option to move in 2017, but aren’t required to move.

“We know this news may cause disruptions in some families’ lives, but we’re going to be working together with them to make the transition as smooth as possible,” says Ms. Carswell.

For more information and to see maps showing the current and revised boundaries for the four schools, please check the River East Transcona School Division website. Look for the link entitled *Making the Move – Realigning School Boundaries in Transcona*.