



## Langley Fine Arts Kindergarten Program

September 3, 2016

Dear Families and Future Families of Langley Fine Arts School,

For many years, Langley Fine Arts School has operated with a grade one to twelve configuration. This has been historically problematic for not only the Langley Fine Arts school community but for many elementary schools within the District. Students who have been accepted into grade one at the school have had to attend Kindergarten in another school before being able to transfer one year later to Langley Fine Arts.

District staff are pleased to announce that at the May 24, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, the Board voted to approve the establishment of a Kindergarten program at Langley Fine Arts School on a go forward basis effective September 2017.

As Langley Fine Arts School is a Program of Choice, families are required to apply for entry and traditionally this has started for grade one. Now that the opportunity exists for parents to apply for Kindergarten beginning in September 2017, District staff will act under the assumption that families who have previously applied for grade one entry, would now want to have their applications transferred to a Kindergarten entry. For example, if a parent had originally applied for entry into grade one for September 2018, the District will transfer their application for entry into Kindergarten for September 2017. The regular process for entry into any Program of Choice will still apply as per Board Policy 5084 that can be found on the District Website at: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca>.

The District would like to thank the Trustees, staff and parents in advance for their support of this change. We believe that this will further add to the outstanding program that currently exists at Langley Fine Arts and build upon the core values the District holds in high esteem: integrity, community, excellence, and courage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Guy", written in a cursive style.

Claire Guy  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

c.c. Mr. Jon Bonnar – Principal, Langley Fine Arts School