

REQUEST TO AMEND BC REG. 213-99

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to respectfully seek an amendment to the School Act and BC Reg. 212-99 regarding electoral wards for the purpose of electing a Board of Regional Trustees for Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF).

Like any Board of Education in British Columbia, Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board is comprised of seven (7) Regional Trustees, since CSF is a provincial board of education.

CSF trustees' elections take place at the same time as municipal and other board of education elections. However, the election of trustees from across the province, as opposed to municipal based elections, means that CSF faces certain challenges, challenges that the school Law anticipated and as such remediated by providing CSF with a legal framework and electoral boundaries as described in BC Reg. 213-99.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide CSF and its members the certainty of its own regional identity to allow them to vote in their assigned ward. As it is, BC Reg. 213-99 situates CSF within boundaries of Anglophone Board of Education. CSF regards this practice no longer applicable and seeks a BC Reg. 213-99 Schedule A that reflects CSF's reality. CSF would base its own wards on its neighbouring Boards of Education regions as a framework, without limiting itself to those same fix zones.

Thus, the proposed amendments mentions Boards of Education or part(s) of Boards of Education as a reference in particular wards and, as such, each CSF regional ward will be composed of the catchment areas of its elementary schools that are located within the ward. This is reflected in the amendment of the section entitled *Wards* at paragraph 5 (2).

As a major change, CSF would also like to see Surrey and Delta identified as part of the Fraser Valley Ward since those municipality better serve parents and students from that area as opposed to parents and students from the Greater Vancouver Ward.

PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS

Wards

Paragraph 5

Section (2) The area of a ward referred to in subsection (1) is the area that comprises the school districts set out in Schedule A for that ward.

Proposed amendment

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5 (2) The area of the ward referred to in subsection (1) is the catchment areas of CSF's elementary schools located within the school districts set out in schedule A for that ward.

SCHEDULE A

BC Reg. 213-99, Schedule A	BC Reg. 213-99, Schedule A – proposed amendments
<p>Northern B.C. (Nord de la C.-B.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chicotin) (b) School District No. 28 (Quesnel) (c) School District No. 49 (Central Coast) (d) School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte) (e) School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) (f) School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) (g) School District No. 57 (Prince George) (h) School District No. 59 (Peace River South) (i) School District No. 60 (Peace River North) (j) School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) (k) School District No. 81 (Fort Nelson) (l) School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains) (m) School District No. 87 (Stikine) (n) School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) (o) School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) 	<p>Northern B.C. (Nord de la C.-B.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chicotin) (b) School District No. 28 (Quesnel) (c) School District No. 49 (Central Coast) (d) School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte) (e) School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) (f) School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) (g) School District No. 57 (Prince George) (h) School District No. 59 (Peace River South) (i) School District No. 60 (Peace River North) (j) School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) (k) School District No. 81 (Fort Nelson) (l) School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains) (m) School District No. 87 (Stikine) (n) School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) (o) School District No. 92 (Nisga'a)
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