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Dear Marlies De Ceuster,

Thank you for informing the North Vancouver Board of Education ("The Board") of the decision to close Vancouver Waldorf School's High School program at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year.

At the North Vancouver School District (NVSD), we understand that school transitions can raise questions for some families. We are writing to outline the school placement process as set out in Board [Policy 605: Admission of Students to School](#).

Students interested in enrolling in NVSD are invited to submit a registration through Central Registration. In accordance with Policy 605, the admission process is guided by the following principles:

- maximizing opportunities for students to attend their catchment area school;
- supporting effective school and district planning to minimize organizational changes at the start of the school year;
- enabling families to choose the school and educational program that best meets a student's needs;
- promoting stability and continuity for students and families; and
- admitting siblings to the same school wherever possible.

Registration and transfer requests for the 2026–27 school year opened on January 2, 2026, and will remain open until March 13, 2026. Students will be placed in a secondary school based on their home address and in a grade based on their date of birth. Families will be contacted by the receiving secondary school by the end of April 2026 to discuss graduation planning, additional needs, or required supports.

Further details are outlined in the administrative procedures associated with Policy 605. To support families, a Frequently Asked Questions document is attached.

We welcome you sharing this information with your school community. Our shared goal is to support students thoughtfully, equitably, and consistently during this transition, while maintaining stability across a growing school district.

Warm regards,



Adam Baumann  
Assistant Superintendent



## Frequently Asked Questions: **Waldorf School Closure and Transition to North Vancouver School District**

**We are new to the North Vancouver School District. Are students welcome to enrol?**

Yes. We warmly welcome students and families who reside within the City of North Vancouver or District of North Vancouver and choose to enrol in the North Vancouver School District (NVSD). NVSD is committed to supporting students as they transition into our learning communities and to helping all students feel a sense of belonging.

**How does school placement work in NVSD?**

NVSD operates a Central Registration Office. All student registration and school placement decisions are made through this office, rather than at individual schools. This helps ensure consistent, equitable, and transparent placement processes across the school district. School District [Policy 605: Admission of Students to School](#) guides all school placement.

**Our family lives outside of North Vancouver. Can we still enrol?**

To meet the principles of [Policy 605: Admission of Students to School](#), there is a set of priority assignment criteria for all students. Students who reside out of district are considered "Priority Five (5)" and will only be placed subject to school or program capacity.

**When will I hear back after submitting a registration?**

Families will be contacted by email once registration has been reviewed and placement decisions have been made. To ensure fairness and consistency, families are asked not to contact schools directly regarding placement.

**What if my child's birth year does not align with their current grade placement?**

Grade placement is determined in accordance with provincial guidelines and school district practices. If there is a discrepancy between a student's age and their current grade placement, this will be reviewed as part of the registration process. Families may be asked to provide additional documentation, and decisions are made in consultation with school district staff.

**What graduation pathways are available to students?**

NVSD offers a range of graduation pathways to support different learning needs and circumstances. These may include coursework completed through [North Vancouver Online Learning \(NVOL\)](#) or [NVSD Summer Learning](#) programming. Staff can help families explore the pathway that best supports a student's goals and graduation plan.

**Our family's home address is within the Windsor catchment, but my child's close peers live within the Handsworth catchment. Can my child attend Handsworth?**

All students who wish to attend a school outside of their catchment area must apply through the North Vancouver School District's Central Registration process. Placement in a non-catchment school is not guaranteed and is dependent on available space. While we understand that peer relationships are important, school placements are determined based on residence and capacity rather than friendship groups.

**My child has a learning disability. How will they be supported?**

NVSD is committed to inclusive education and supporting the diverse learning needs of all students. Supports and services are determined through a collaborative process that may involve school-based



teams, school district staff, and families. If your child has an identified learning disability, relevant documentation can be shared during registration to help ensure appropriate supports are in place.

**Who can I speak to at my child's school of choice?**

Questions related to registration, placement, or eligibility should be directed to the Central Registration Office. Once a placement has been confirmed, families will be connected with the school and appropriate staff as needed. Please do not contact the school directly. If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact [registration@sd44.ca](mailto:registration@sd44.ca).