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Dear grade 7 parents / guardians,

The North Vancouver School District has announced a significant update to the secondary school schedule for the 2024/25 academic year. In September, Argyle, Handsworth, Seycove, and Windsor will switch back to a linear school schedule. Sutherland will keep its semester-based schedule, and Carson Graham will continue with a linear schedule. The Mountainside schedule will stay the same.

Senior district staff made this decision after two months of discussions with students, staff, and parents from all secondary schools. Recognizing the challenges of change, the district sees this return to a linear schedule as a move towards stability and support in the learning environment and does not anticipate future changes.

The shift to a linear system marks a considerable change for the affected schools. However, the district views this as a constructive step, providing a stable learning environment for students. With four months left in this school year, there is sufficient time to address concerns and make adjustments, including in Career Education programs and course acceleration for post-secondary preparation. Students will have the chance to meet with counselors to adjust their course selections accordingly.

The consultation, that aimed to find the most supportive schedule for our diverse student body, incorporated feedback from specialists in learning assistance and learning services, counselling, school psychology, International Baccalaureate program, Advanced Placement program, French Immersion, academies, Career Education programs, English Language learning, and academic and elective subject areas, as well as The North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, and students of various grades and profiles from each secondary school. Despite the recognized pros and cons of each schedule type, the decision supports the linear schedule for its ability to offer ongoing support to all students throughout the year.

As the school district moves forward with this change, it remains dedicated to addressing the needs of all students and supporting families during this transition.

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I would like to express my appreciation to the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. I value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory