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Reminder: New elementary school boundaries in fall 2022: Northern Heights to Sunnyland

A Message from the Department of Teaching and Learning

Dear families,

You are receiving this message because, according to our records and the address you have listed with Bellingham Public Schools, your child(ren) will be affected by new school boundaries going into effect in fall 2022.

Sunnyland Elementary School will be the assigned neighborhood school for your address, beginning next school year.

One of the key reasons for this attendance area revision is that we are currently rebuilding a new Sunnyland, which will open in fall 2022. Sunnyland is being rebuilt thanks to the passage of the bond in 2018 and will soon have more space to welcome additional students.

You may already know that we had an Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee [make a recommendation to the superintendent's office in October 2019](#), and Dr. Baker accepted the committee's recommendation, which included revisions to elementary and middle school boundaries in fall 2021 and changing some elementary school attendance areas next fall.

We realize this was some time ago and pre-pandemic, so this email serves as an important reminder for you and your family.

We know that students and families love their schools, and you may have questions about these changes. In our experience, once families make the transition with strong support, students and families quickly become attached to their new school.

Please review the following resources if you need more information or have questions.

Attendance Areas: Find [current and future attendance area maps](#). If you have questions about your new attendance area, transportation or the address you have listed with the district, you can contact the Department of Teaching and Learning at 360-676-6512. Your child's principal and school office staff are also good resources.

Transfer process : We understand some families may wish to submit a transfer request to remain at your current school. Please review [this webpage](#) and click on the Q&A regarding our transfer process. You can also talk with your principal or call the Department of Teaching and Learning at 360-676-6512.

The Sunnyland principal and staff are excited to welcome new students next fall and support them in making a smooth and successful transition. You can expect a welcome letter from your new school in early 2022, as well as invitations to tour the school and meet staff.