

**Friday, April 25, 2025**

Dear Hugh Boyd Secondary School Community,

The Richmond School District is committed to regularly reviewing educational programs to ensure they continue to meet the evolving needs of our learners. As part of this commitment, a review of the district's program options — including the Middle Years Program (MYP) at Hugh Boyd Secondary — was conducted from January 2023 to January 2024. The review gathered input from students, parents and staff through surveys and focus groups.

The MYP, which has been in place at Hugh Boyd since 2013, is currently mandatory for all students in Grades 8–10. While some parents expressed satisfaction with the program, many students, staff and families questioned its continued relevance, particularly given the overlap with the redesigned BC curriculum.

In recent years, updates to the BC curriculum and assessment practices have increasingly reflected the same teaching and learning approaches found in the MYP. As a result, many of the program's core elements are now embedded in the provincial curriculum itself. Given these developments, the review concluded that the district should reconsider the continued delivery of MYP at Hugh Boyd.

Considering both the feedback from the school community and the alignment between the MYP and the BC curriculum, the district took time to reflect carefully on whether the program should continue. After thoughtful consideration, and subsequent consultation with school staff and leadership, the decision was made to discontinue the Middle Years Program at Hugh Boyd Secondary, effective June 30, 2025.

We want to reassure families that this change will not affect the quality of education students receive. Hugh Boyd will continue to deliver the full BC curriculum using the same inquiry-based, student-centred approaches that have been foundational to the MYP. In the coming months, school and district staff will work together to support a smooth and thoughtful transition for students and staff.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at Richmond Secondary will also continue to provide a district program option for Grade 11 and 12 students who are interested in engaging with IB curriculum and programming. More information about the IB Diploma Program is [available here](#).

We are grateful to all students, staff and families who have contributed to the MYP at Hugh Boyd over the years. If you have any questions about this transition, please don't hesitate to contact the school administration. We remain committed to ensuring every student continues to experience high-quality, meaningful learning in alignment with the BC curriculum.

Sincerely,



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