




NORTHEAST LATIMER ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY PROCESS

Phase 2 Parent/Community Consultation
October 28-30, 2024



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

As we gather today to continue our work to inspire all of our learners to reach their full potential, we acknowledge that we do so on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

AGENDA

- *Growth in the REMSS Catchment*
- *Review of the Process, So Far*
- *Parent/Community Consultation Themes*
- *Key Considerations*
- *Proposed Boundary Change Options*
- *Next Steps*

Compassionate and inclusive social and academic learning communities in all Langley Schools.



- ✓ Caring for the social emotional well-being of children
- ✓ Being mindful of the physical well-being of children
- ✓ Providing vibrant and sustainable learning opportunities for all children

GROWTH IN REMSS FAMILY OF SCHOOLS REGION 2020 – 2023

School Name	Sept 2021	June 2024
Willoughby Elementary	435	628
Richard Bulpitt Elementary	551	639
Lynn Fripps Elementary	492	649
R.C. Garnett Demonstration School	571	582
Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary	443	603
Langley Meadows Elementary	405	542
Yorkson Creek Middle School	674/679	884/886
Peter Ewart Middle School	770/773	929/933
R.E. Mountain Secondary School	1,698/1,819	2,200/2,298

GROWTH PROJECTIONS AND TRENDS

School Name								
Grade	Sep 23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Donna Gabriel Robins	608	720	873	1,053	1,230	1,387	1,535	1,673
Langley Meadows	502	502	493	500	489	475	473	472
Lynn Fripps	628	637	651	670	671	667	684	689
RC Gamett	578	605	622	641	631	625	620	615
Richard Bulpitt	636	688	695	735	767	792	832	873
Willoughby	619	728	823	943	1,012	1,118	1,188	1,258
Total Regular	3,571	3,880	4,157	4,542	4,800	5,064	5,332	5,580

Three main conclusions from the above growth projections:

- Donna Gabriel Robins is the fastest growing elementary catchment on the Slope
- Willoughby is the 2nd fastest growing elementary catchment on the Slope
- Langley Meadows is the only catchment on the Slope that will see falling enrollment

REVIEW OF THE PROCESS, THUS FAR

June to October 2024:

Met with REMSS Family of Schools administrators to prepare the community

Met District staff to discuss feedback, impact, supports and boundary change options.

September & October 2024:

Attended PAC/Parent meetings for all schools on the Willoughby Slope:

- RC Garnett Elementary September 16, 2024
- Richard Bulpitt Elementary September 23, 2024
- Willoughby Elementary September 25, 2024
- Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary October 1, 2024
- REMSS and PEMS Online/ASL October 2, 2024
- Yorkson Creek Middle October 9, 2024
- Langley Meadows Elementary October 10, 2024
- Lynn Fripps Elementary October 15, 2024

PARENT/COMMUNITY CONSULTATION THEMES

- *Collected questions and comments at each meeting.*
- *26 additional emails sent in to feedback@sd35.bc.ca*
- *Several themes emerged as priorities for parents/the community in these meetings:*
 - *Building of Future Schools/Building Design/Modular Buildings*
 - *“Before and After school” Childcare*
 - *Grandfathering/Transitions Processes*
 - *Process of Building Schools*
 - *General Information about NE Latimer Elementary*

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Once NE Latimer Elementary is completed, where will the next elementary school be built?

The District has sent requests to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for two new elementary schools: one in the SW Latimer neighbourhood (south of 200th street) and another one nearer to the new Smith middle and secondary schools. These schools are in the District's Long Range Facilities Plan.

2. Will there be childcare spaces at the new school? How many spaces will be available?

With the building of the new school there will be more childcare spaces available. Because of growth in the region, the District expects to create before and after school care spaces offered on-site. There is no guarantee what that will look like at this point.

3. What is the process for accessing childcare? Will NE Latimer Elementary families get preference?

Childcare plans have not been established yet. As was the case with the opening of Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary, the childcare vendor onboarding process began in late spring. The District will be reviewing childcare details including program offerings, timelines, and registration instructions to share with the community at a later date. Advance registration for childcare will be considered.

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4. Will there be “grandfathering” when the new school opens?

The District’s expectation would be for students to attend their catchment school based on where they live. Grandfathering did not happen when Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary opened. The District is not likely going to support grandfathering as it would not be sustainable for long-term planning.

5. Can a student who is attending an overflow school stay at that school (e.g. Lynn Fripps Elementary or Langley Meadows Community School)?

The District cannot guarantee that students can stay at an overflow school; however, the District will take that into consideration and review on a case-by-case basis. The District will be taking this into consideration.

6. When do we get notified of school transfer/moving to the new school?

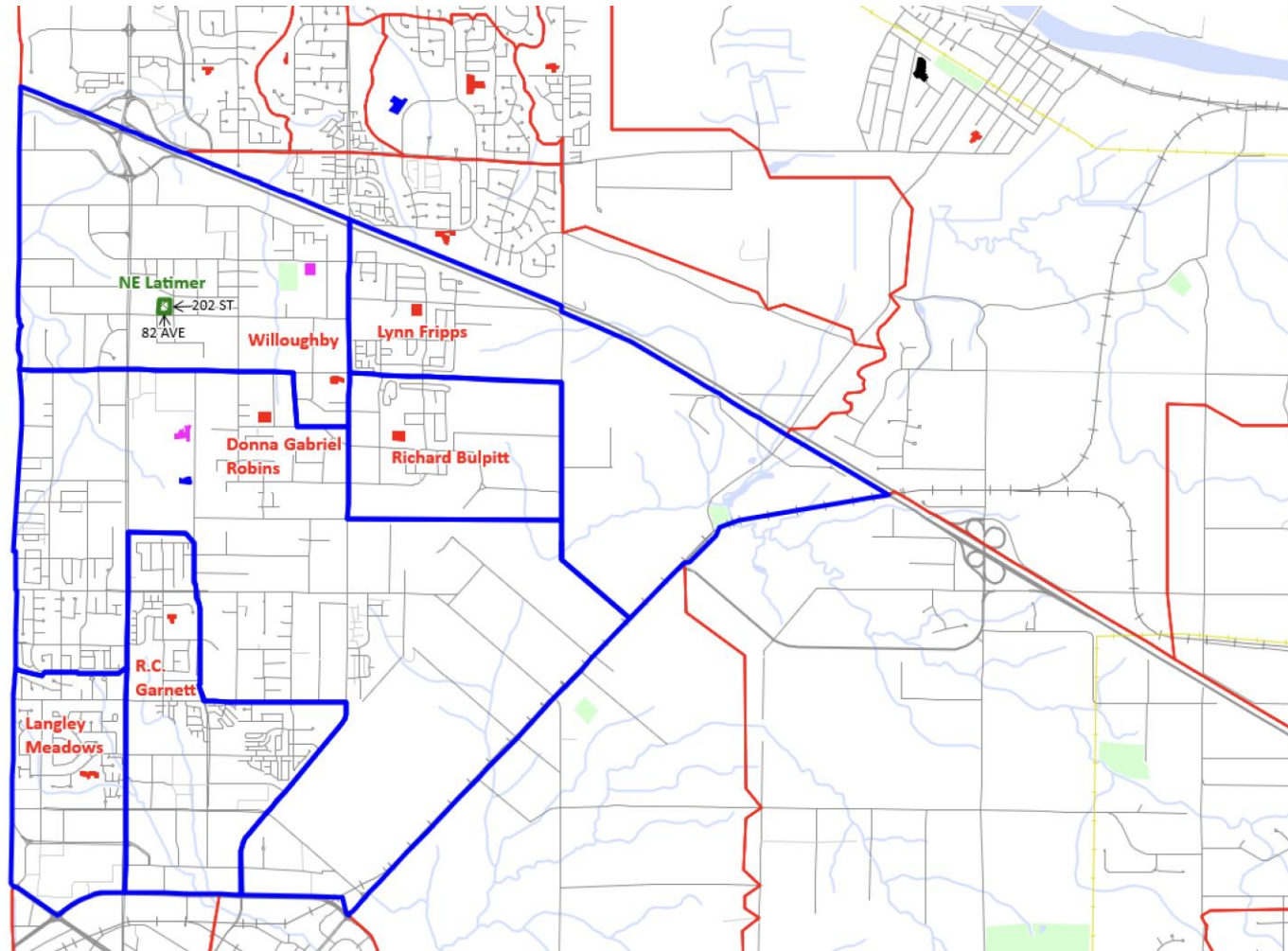
If timelines go as planned, students (and families) should know the school they will be attending in September by Spring 2025. As per District administrative procedures, Kindergarten registration is expected to close before the end of February.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- *As much as possible, have students attend their catchment schools.*
- *Decrease Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary catchment (Fastest growing catchment).*
- *Decrease Willoughby Elementary catchment (2nd fastest growing catchment).*
- *Grow Langley Meadows elementary catchment (counter falling enrollment).*
- *Ensure that as many “Before and After School” spaces are created as possible at NE Latimer, to meet demand.*
- *Ensure a “Before and After School” childcare transition plan is made as early as possible.*
- *Consider the location of main roads and other geographic features when drawing new boundary lines.*
- *Consider the location/catchment of the next elementary (possibly SW Latimer).*

PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

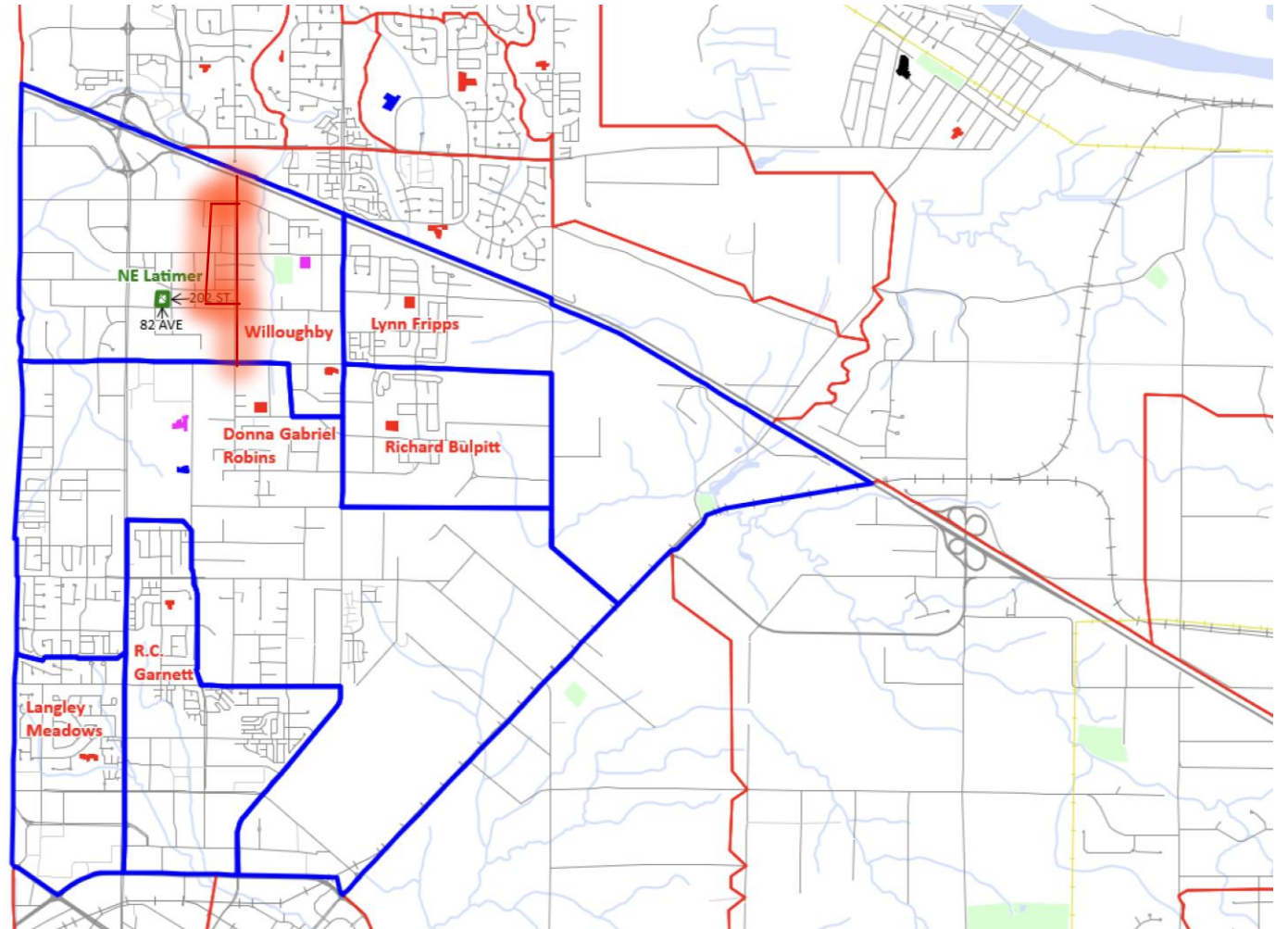
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New Boundary Options

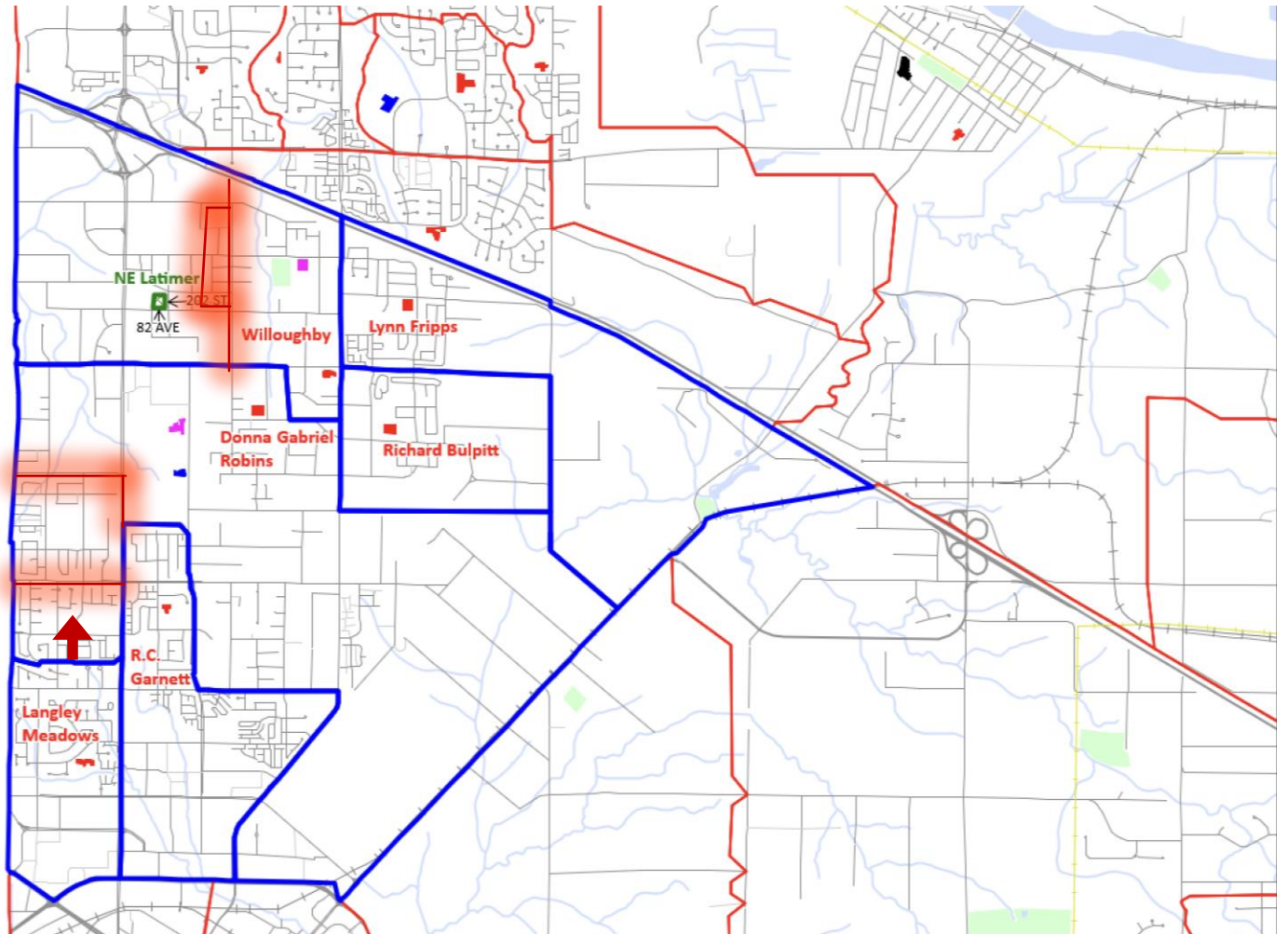
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 - *Option: 202B or 204th Street*



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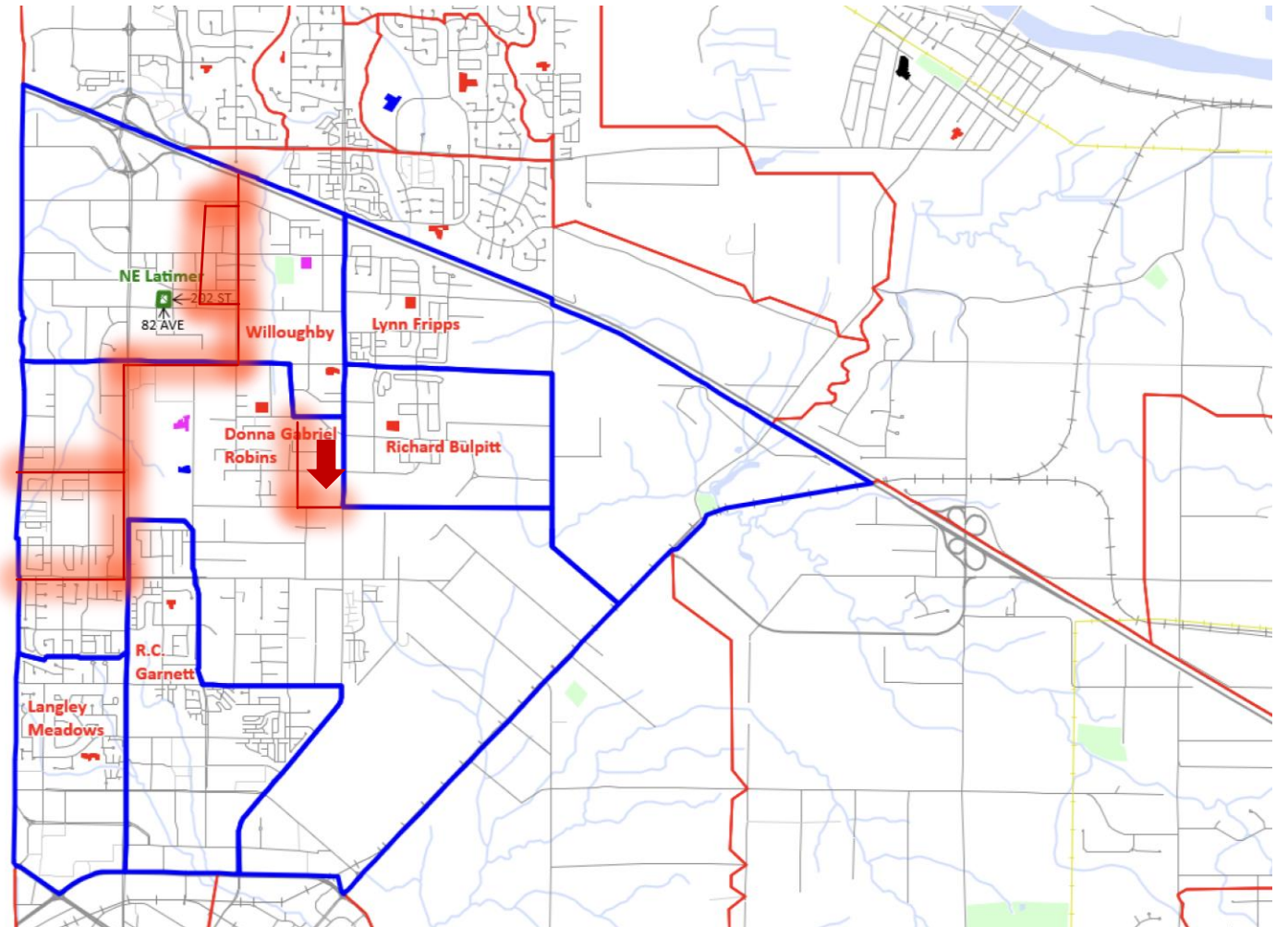
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 - *Option: 72nd to 76th Avenue (Meadows catchment moved north from 69th Avenue)*



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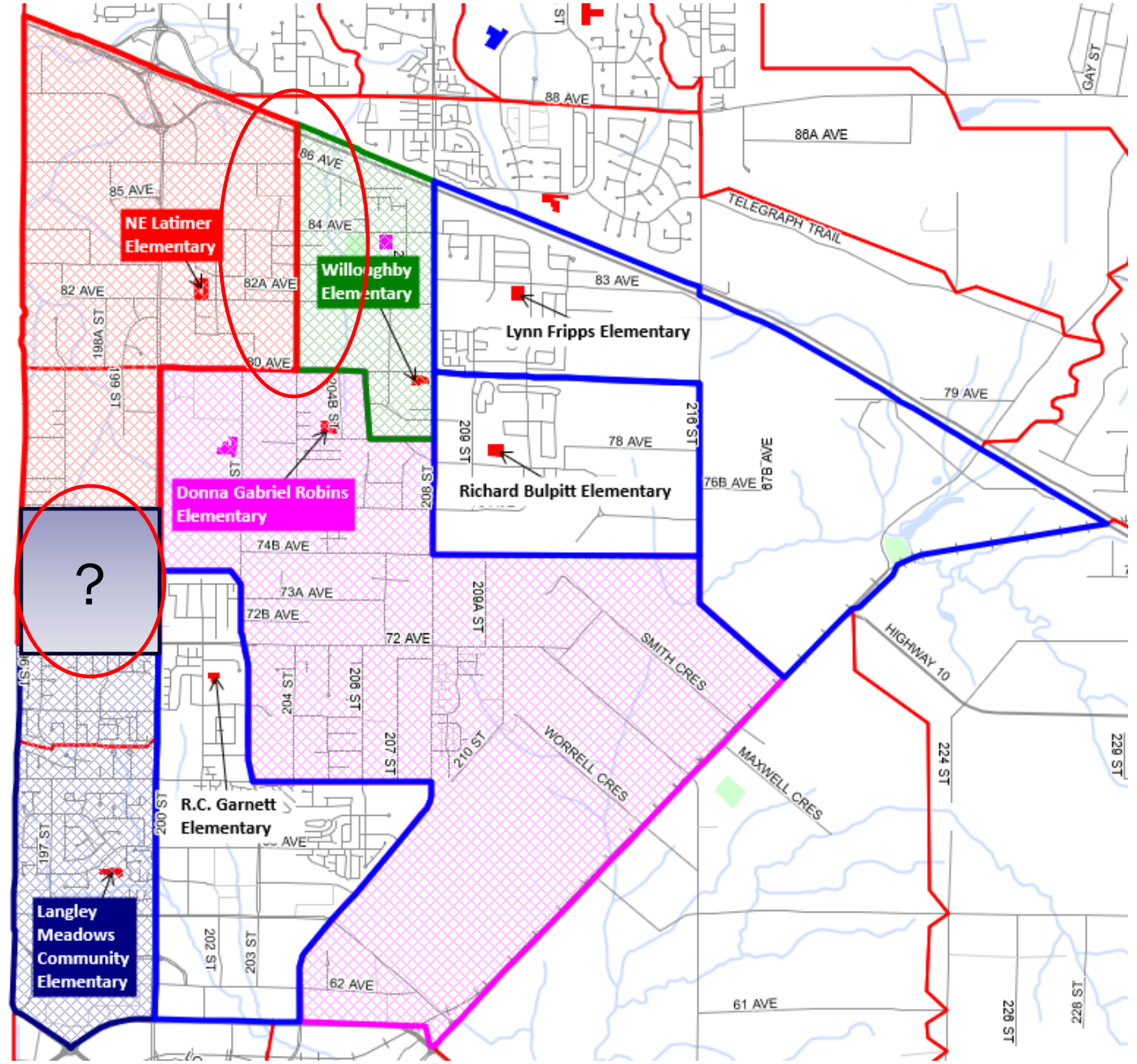
- *Between NE Latimer and Donna Gabriel Robins*
 - *Maintain along 80th Avenue*
 - *200th Street – West goes to NE Latimer or Langley Meadows*
 - *Option: South tip lowered to 74B or 76th Avenue*



OPTION #1

- 204th Street
- 72nd-76th Avenue (undetermined)

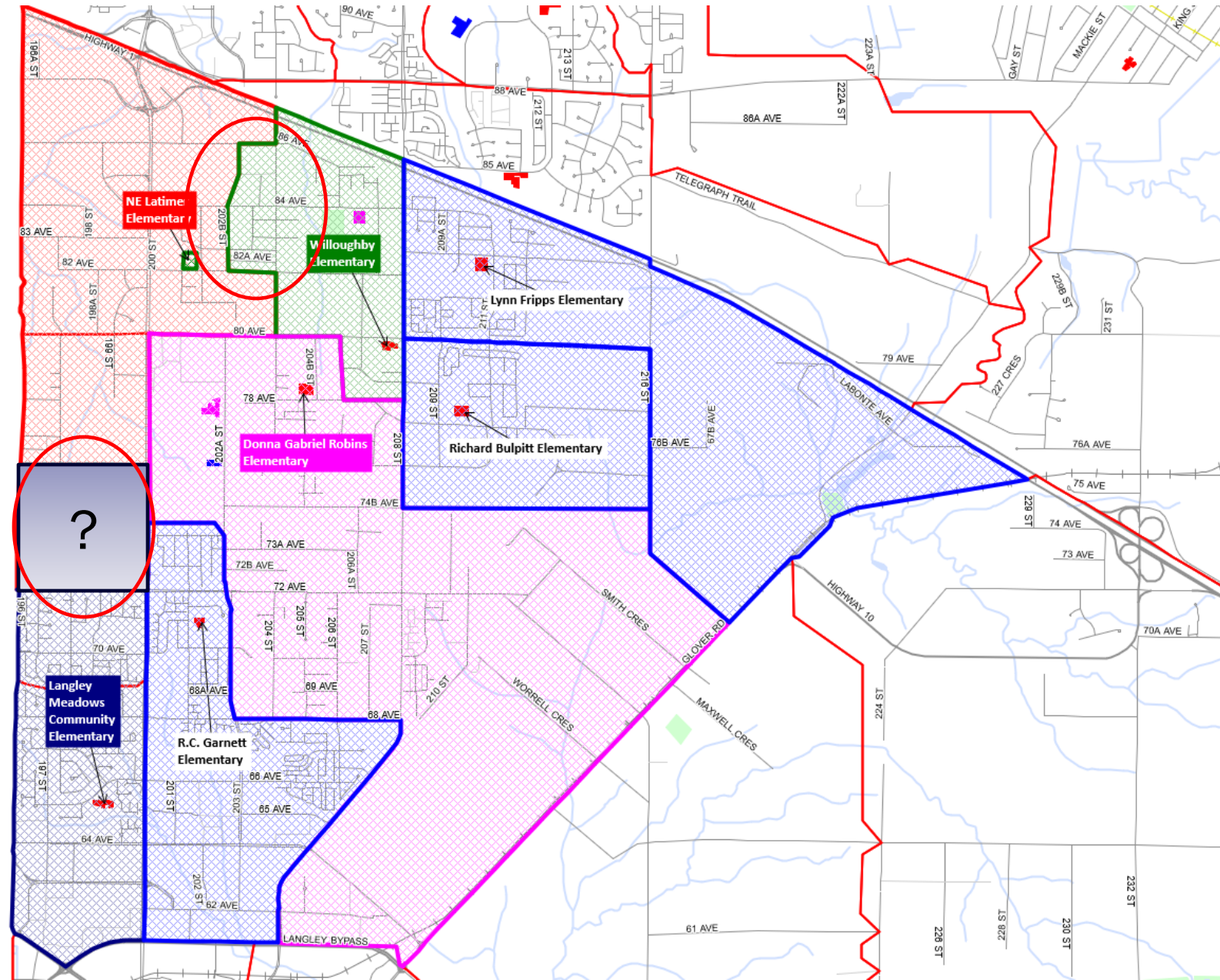
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OPTION #2

- 202B
- 72nd-76th
(undetermined)

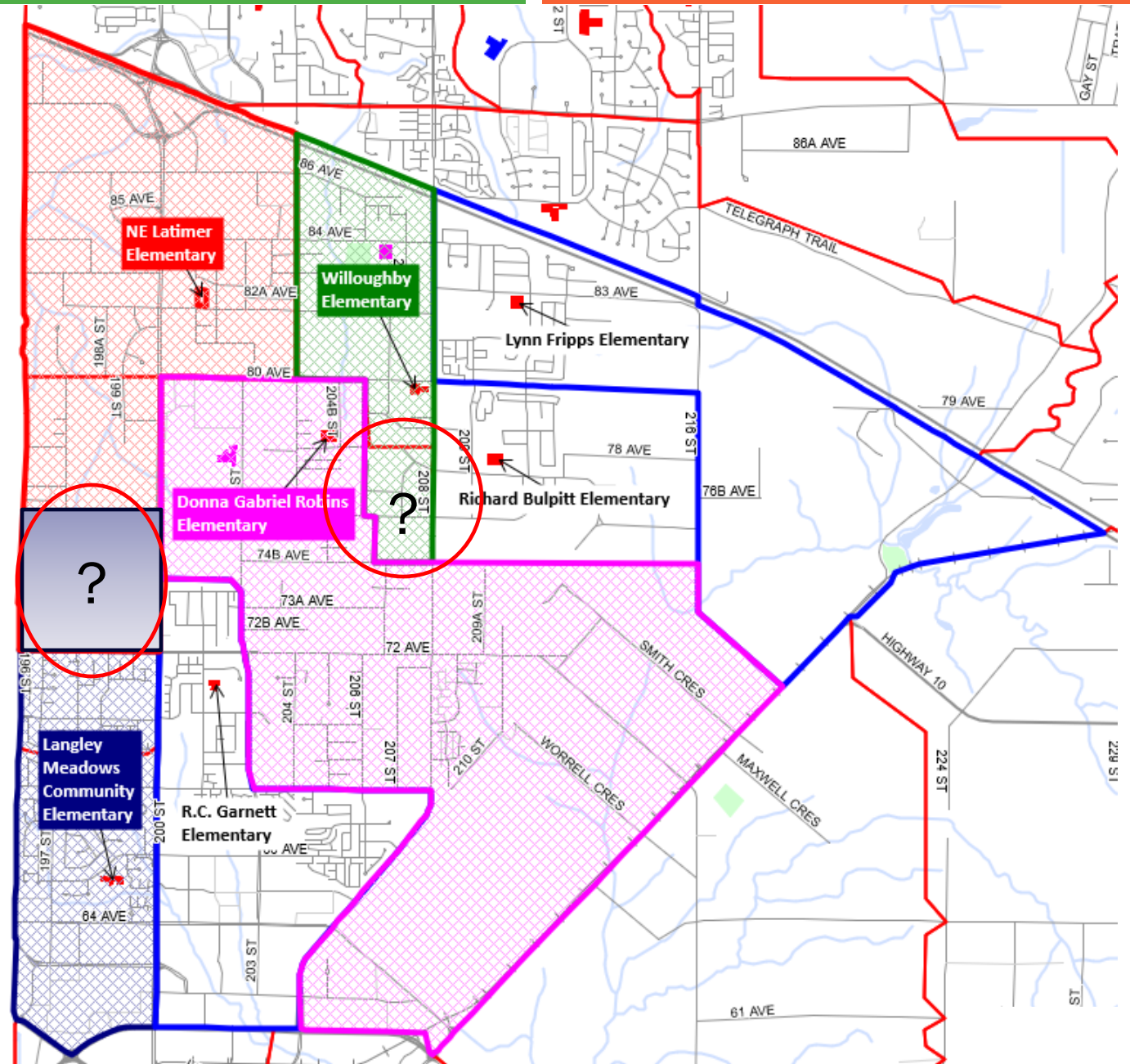
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OPTION #3

- 74B or 76th Avenue
(undetermined)
- 72nd-76th Avenue
(undetermined)

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- *Will students who want to stay at “overflow schools” be able to stay, if there is space?*
- *Ensure that there is some balance of population among the 7 elementary schools.*
- *Ensure that the fastest growing catchment schools still have space to grow.*
- *What other childcare options (besides “before and after school care”), if any, will be offered at the school?*
- *What Middle School will NE Latimer students attend?*

NEXT STEPS

- *Survey families in the current Willoughby, DGRE, and Langley Meadows catchments regarding “Before and After School” childcare needs.*
- *Decide who will run the childcare options and begin licensing process asap.*
- *Survey “out of catchment” families enrolled since September 2024 to see if they would want to remain in their current school.*
- *Determine the approximate enrollment at each Slope school, based on proposed change options and above survey, and the likely number of divisions at each grade. (K registration in January/February will also impact the actual number.)*
- *Do address checks of students whose mailing address does not match their MyEdBC address.*
- *Consider feedback from the October 28-30, 2024 “Phase 2 Consultation Meetings.”*
- *Present to Trustees at the December 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. *****Any feedback must be received BY Friday, November 15, 2024 to be considered.***



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QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK