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NEWS RELEASE

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School Closure survey delayed until mid to late April

The Board of School Trustees announced today that an opinion survey to find out what parents think about the possible closure of District schools during the 2010 Winter Olympics will be delayed until the second week of April. "The Board had hoped the survey questionnaire would be ready for distribution during the first week of April," Board Chair Dave Walden said. "But preparing the questionnaire has proven to be a more challenging task than originally anticipated. It is imperative the Board gets a complete and accurate assessment of parent views before it decides on whether or not to close the schools. The Board has held a number of community consultation meetings during February and March at which parents have identified a number of concerns they want addressed before a decision is made."

The Board has engaged the services of an opinion survey specialist from UBC to help design an impartial questionnaire. The survey will be released on the district website www.sd48.bc.ca with hard copies available at the schools the second or third week of April.

The survey will be an important part of the decision making process. The Board will take the survey results under advisement when it makes its decision in the coming months.

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