

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 48
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Howe Sound Parents Invited To Share Views About Operating Schools during 2010 Winter Olympics

Howe Sound School District's 2010 Committee 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 begin May 22.

School Trustee Andrée Janyk, chair of the District's 2010 committee, said, "Our School District is unique in that a large part of the 2010 Olympic Games will be held within our boundaries. On the one hand, this provides myriad opportunities for educational and experiential enrichment for everyone in the corridor, and we need to be thoughtful and creative in order to maximize these opportunities for our students. On the other hand, it presents huge practical challenges: How do we deal with the opportunity of the Olympics and provide for the needs of our students and all the people who are affected by our decisions?"

"This survey is an important part of our consultation program as we try to better understand how the Olympics will affect students and their families. After consultation with our education partners and parents, the Board of School Trustees will make the decision on whether or not to close schools during the period of the Olympics in 2010. "

Families with students in school or who will have students in school in 2010 are encouraged to complete this questionnaire, Ms Janyk said. This survey is designed to be answered with one response per household and so we suggest that parents should complete the survey or families should complete the survey together.

All of the survey responses will remain confidential and no individual responses will be released.

Starting Tuesday, May 22 the survey can be completed online by going www.bcsta.org/survey/calendar2010.htm. Hard copies of the survey are available from any school in the district or the District Administration Office. The on-line survey closes Tuesday, June 5 and all hard copies must be returned to a school or the district office by Tuesday, June 5.

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