

Administrative Memorandum

Regular Board Meeting

Date:	September 19, 2018
Topic:	International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Feasibility
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Background:

Last spring, the Board of Education received the Secondary Schools Choice Offerings Report. In that report, it referenced that 85% of students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Semiahmoo Secondary come from Semiahmoo Secondary, Earl Marriott Secondary, and Elgin Park Secondary catchment areas. For a long time, the idea of a second International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in Surrey has surfaced. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a separate and distinct programme from International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

From its inception, the Board has always wanted staff to explore more balanced and regional access to IB. With the success of the Middle Years' Programme at Johnston Heights, now is the time to consider the longer range vision of IB with broader access.

It is recommended:

THAT district staff conduct a feasibility study on implementing an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Johnston Heights Secondary and report back to the Board of Education no later than February, 2019.