



Discovering my community

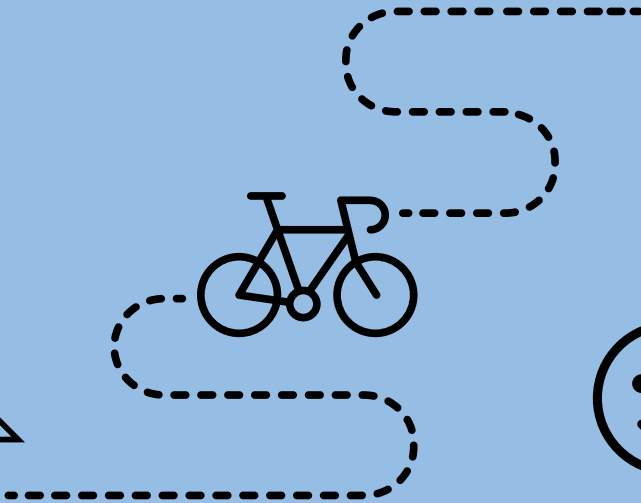
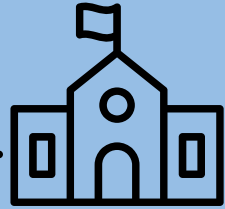


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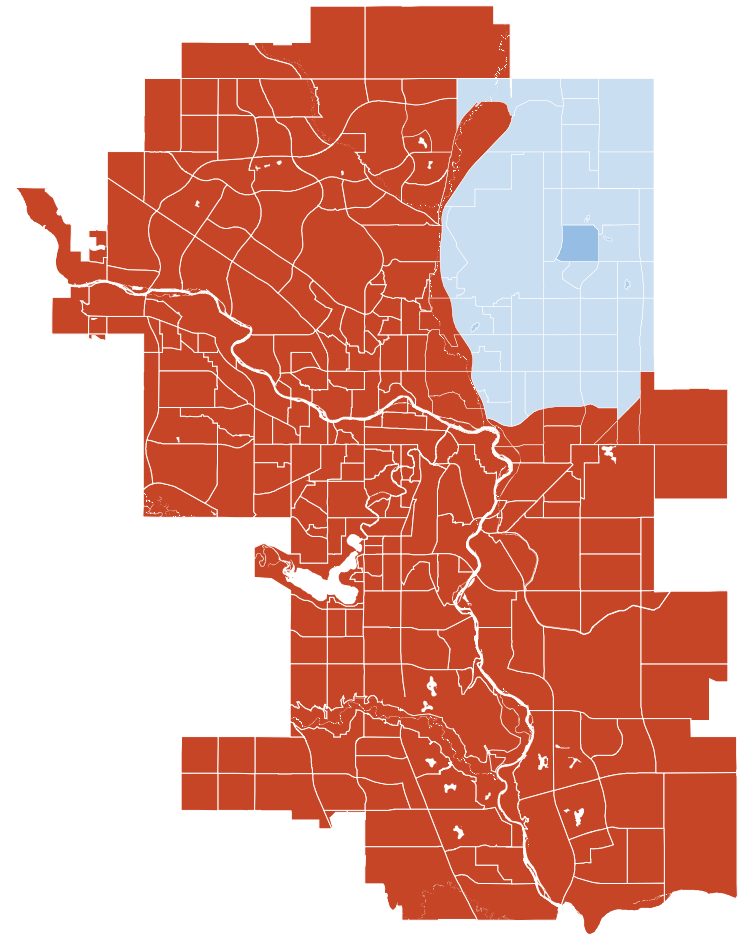
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This book will help you know more about your community and surrounding areas of your school. It will also provide you with lots of information to help you think of some great design ideas for improving your community!

Do you know what the communities around your school are called? Or how many parks and playgrounds do you have nearby? Or how you and your friends travel daily to your school? Let's find out!

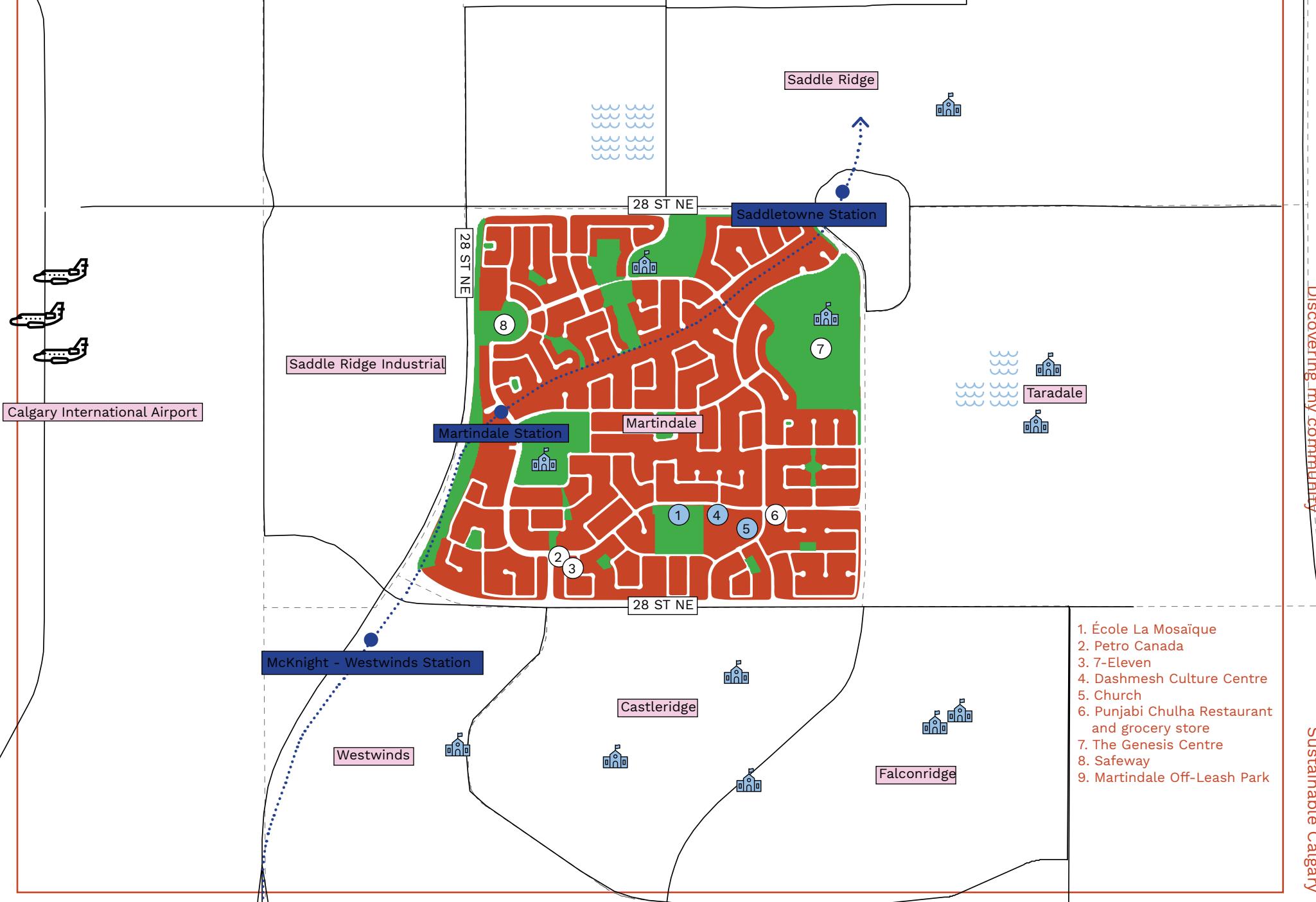


What's my school community?



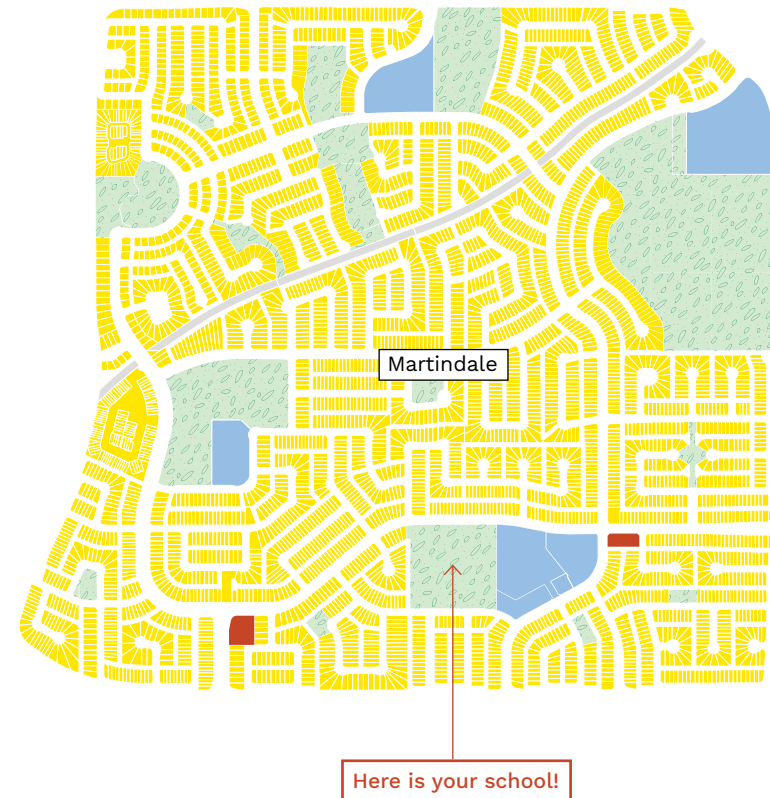
Calgary has more than 200 neighbourhoods called “communities”, and your school is in a community located in the north-east of the city. Each of those communities have distinctive characteristics that make them unique. The community of Martindale (marked in dark blue in the map) is where your school is located.

What's in the community?



1. École La Mosaïque
2. Petro Canada
3. 7-Eleven
4. Dashmesh Culture Centre
5. Church
6. Punjabi Chulha Restaurant and grocery store
7. The Genesis Centre
8. Safeway
9. Martindale Off-Leash Park

What's in the community?



Your school's community, Martindale, is surrounded by a lot of houses and big parks. The blue line of the CTrain crosses through the community. Your school is located between the only two stores in the area (they are marked in red). Martindale is home to more than 3,940 families. Would you like to know more about this community? Keep reading! 😊

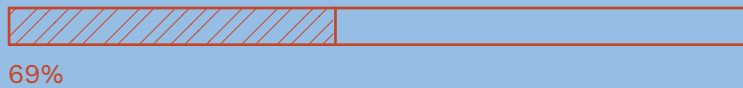
How many people live close to your school?

People living in Martindale
15,020

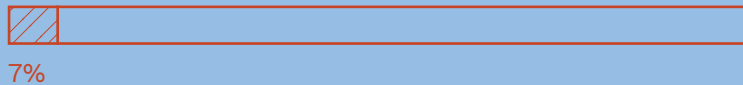
Children (0-14 years)



Teenagers and Adults (15-64 years)

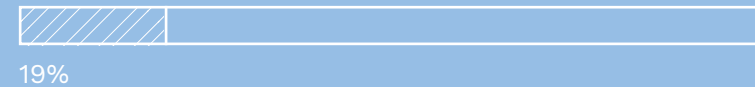


Elderly (65+ years)

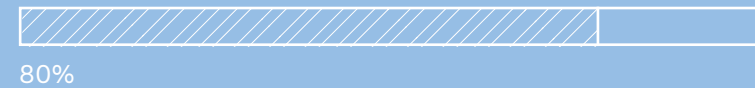


People living in Calgary
1,222,390

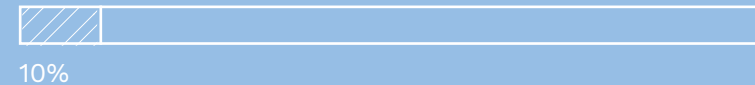
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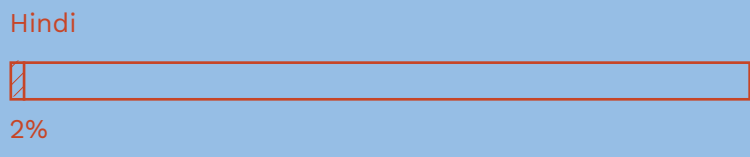
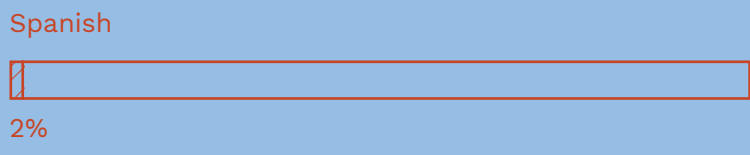
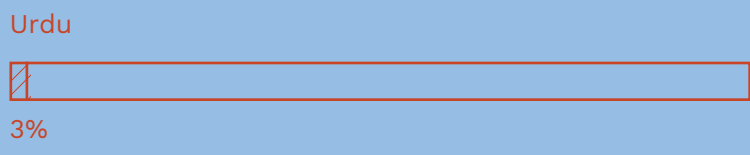
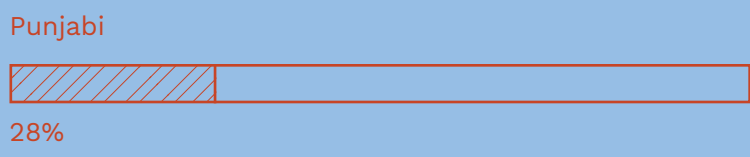
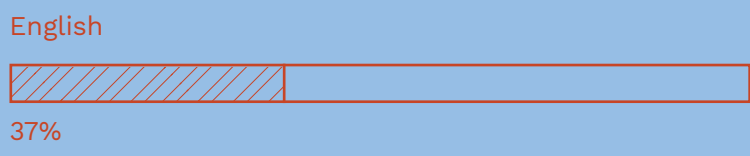


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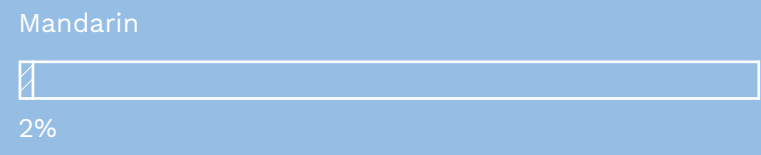
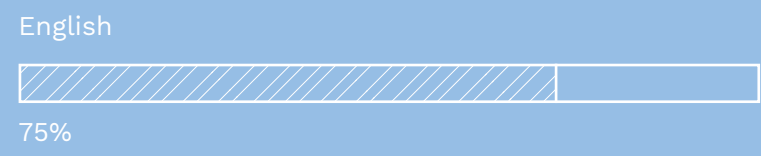


What languages do they speak at home?

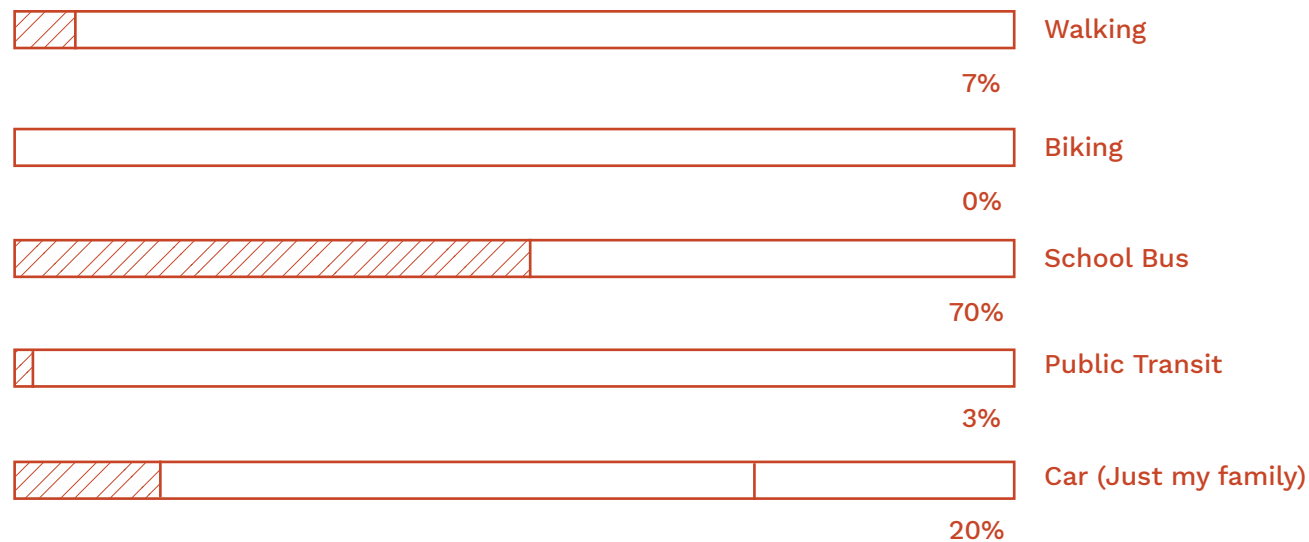
Martindale



Calgary

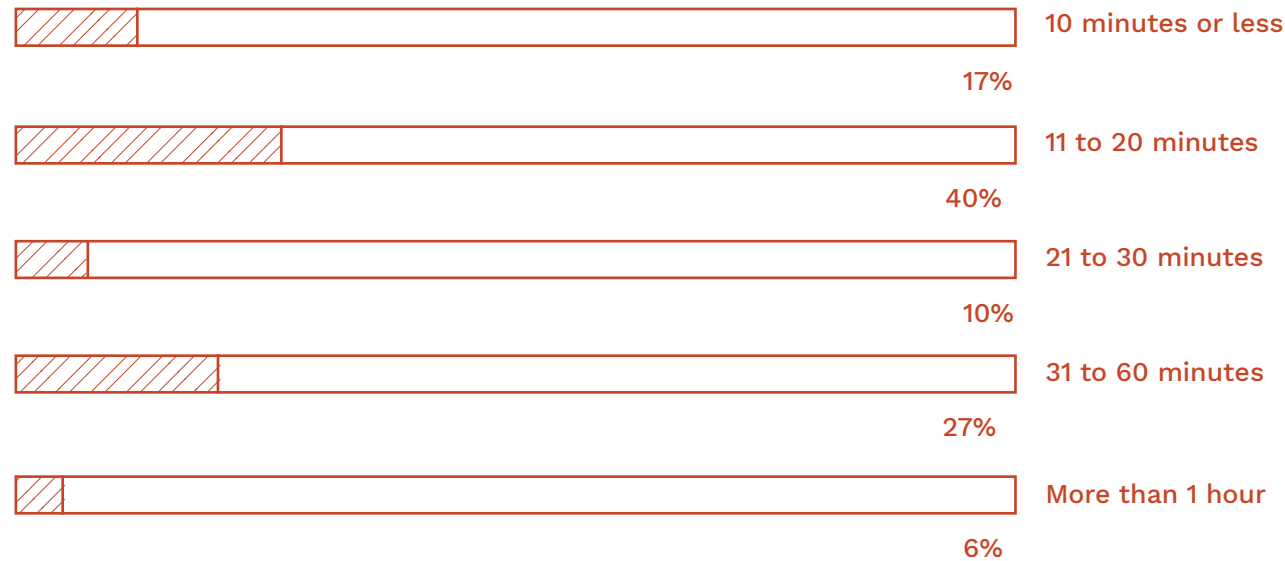


How do you and your classmates travel daily to/from your school?



Do you know how long it takes your classmates to get to school? Would you like to know? Turn the page! 😊😊😊

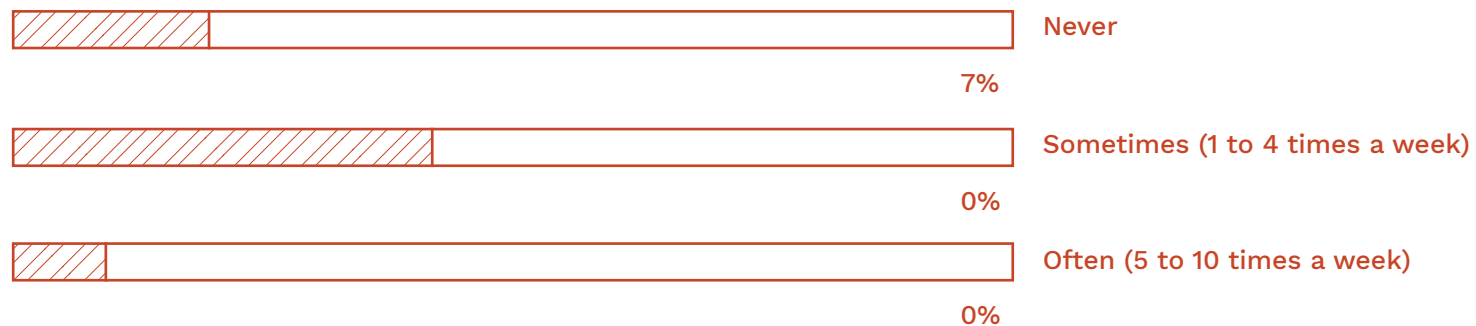
How long does it take you and your classmates to get to school?



What would motivate you to walk or bike to school?

1. Better designed sidewalks and crosswalks.
2. Less traffic and congestion in the school zone.

How often does your family use “active travel” (on foot or by bike) in your community? This includes trips to stores, parks, libraries, etc.



Are there any areas of concern along your route between home and school?

1. Roads are very busy with cars.
2. Unsafe bus stop.
3. Unsafe crosswalk intersections.
4. Drivers going too fast.

Did you know that walking or biking to school can help you concentrate better in class?

A recent Danish study found that students who cycled or walked to school, rather than traveling by car or public transportation, performed measurably better on tasks demanding concentration.

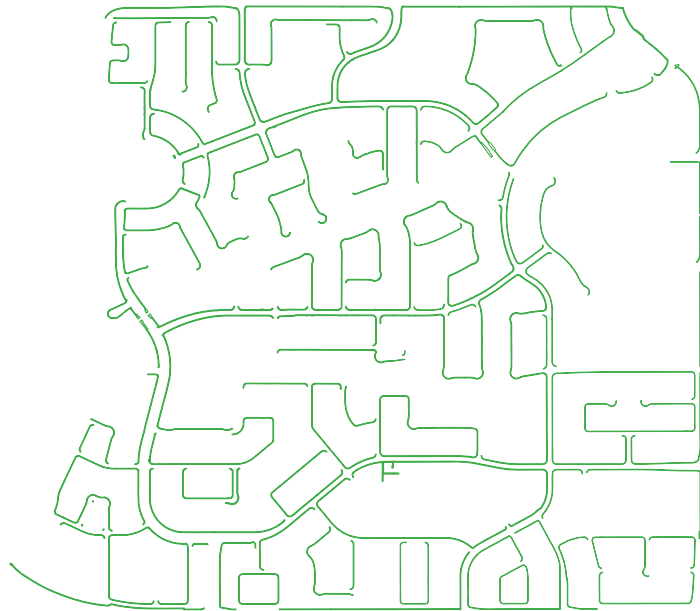


Walking or biking to
your school is good for
the environment!

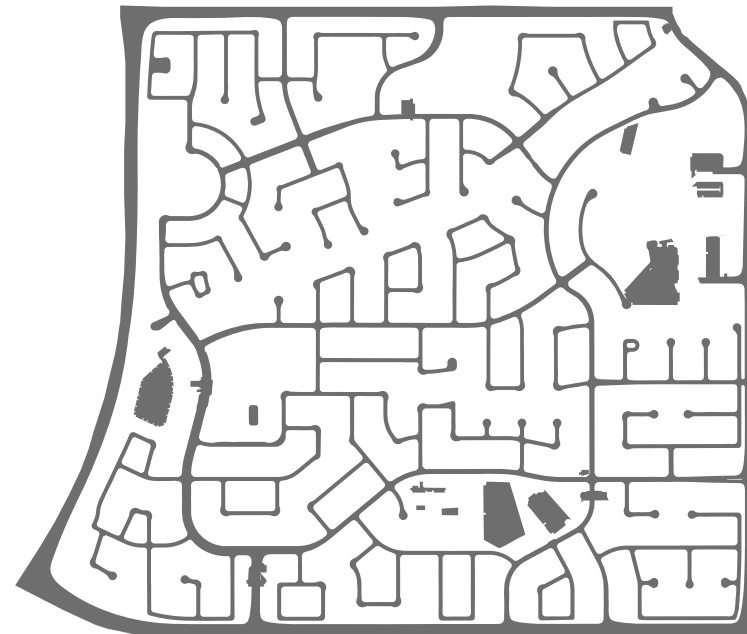


The personal vehicle is the largest source of air pollution in the city. More students biking also means less cars on the road. This reduces traffic and therefore reduces pollution around schools.

Who has more space to travel in the community? Pedestrian or cars?



Sidewalks



Car lanes and parking lots

What changes would you like to see close to your school?

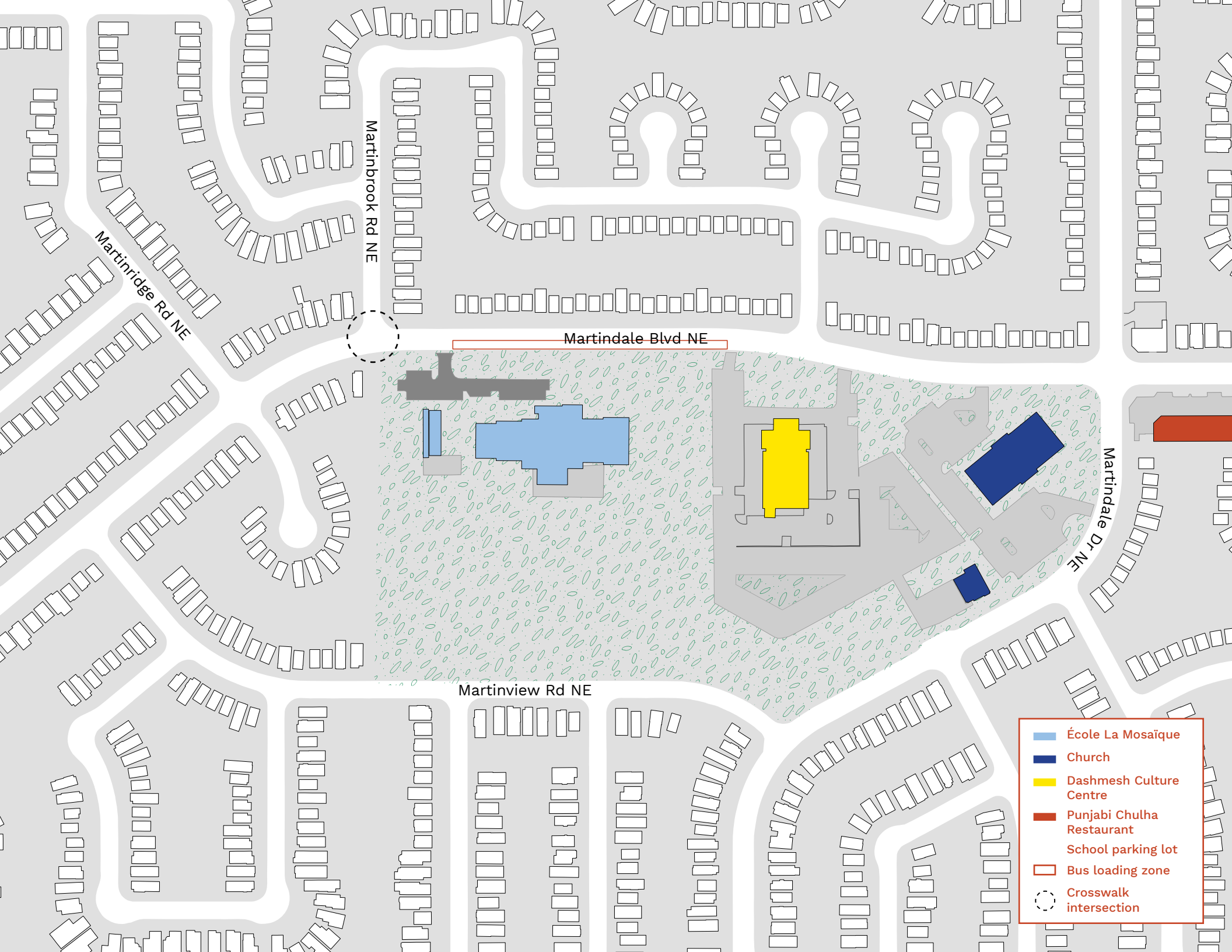
These were some of the things you mentioned:

1. Improve crosswalk intersections (at Martinbrook Rd NE and Martindale Blvd NE) adding curb extensions.
2. Re-design school parking lot as it is very unsafe.
3. Bus loading zone (in front of school, south side of Martindale Blvd NE) needs to be extended to fit all 6 buses.

Homework:

How do you improve your school community?

1. Identify your favorite and least favorite places
2. Select one priority location to design in the next session!
3. You can start sketching your ideas as well!



- École La Mosaïque
- Church
- Dashmesh Culture Centre
- Punjabi Chulha Restaurant
- School parking lot
- Bus loading zone
- Crosswalk intersection







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