



May 18, 2017

Parents and Guardians,

The Calgary Board of Education conducted [a review of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing \(DHH\) Program](#) in the 2014-2015 school year. This review, which provided parents and others with an opportunity to share their comments and perspectives, resulted in a recommendation was to combine students attending the DHH Program in Grades 1–6 into a single location. It has been determined that most appropriate location is Jennie Elliott School. The plan is for these students to finish at Queen Elizabeth School at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

When exploring potential locations, one of the factors considered was school populations. With new school openings, Jennie Elliott is projected to stabilize at 450–500 students and its instructional space will allow for five to six classrooms to become available — the amount of space the students of the DHH Program in Grades 1–6 would require. This move will also result in Queen Elizabeth School having more available space to accommodate designated students over time.

We recognize that it will be an adjustment having the DHH program leave your school. We want to thank you for providing the students and families of the DHH Program with a caring and inclusive culture.

Please visit the [Deaf and Hard of Hearing \(DHH\)](#) page on the CBE website for information about the program and the 2014-2015 review.

You may contact your principal Andrea Cartwright, at 403-777-6789, or the Area 7 office, at 403-777-8750 ext. 0 and [area7@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:area7@cbe.ab.ca), if you have questions. It will also be an agenda item at your May 29, 2017 School Council meeting.

Sincerely,

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