

news release

Accommodation Decisions for Area IV Schools

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CALGARY — After extensive engagement with parents and the public, the Calgary Board of Education has made final decisions for student accommodation for schools in Area IV, including Westgate and West Springs schools.

“We would like to acknowledge the participation and input of interested stakeholders throughout the student accommodation planning process. Feedback from stakeholders is an important piece of the information received that supported the final decisions,” said Calvin Davies, area director for Area IV.

French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual students in kindergarten through Grade 4 will remain at Westgate School this fall. There will likely be no capping of enrolment for September 2014.

The Spanish Bilingual students will transition overtime into Glenmeadows School. The school currently accommodates the Calgary Arts Academy charter school. Shortly after the open house held on February 11, CBE administration confirmed this charter school received provincial funding to renovate a facility on the Stampede grounds and would eventually vacate Glenmeadows. Once vacated, the space will be available to accommodate the Area IV Spanish Bilingual Program. In the event that Glenmeadows School is not available for September 2015, the CBE will look at a temporary accommodation of the Spanish Bilingual Program at Viscount Bennett Centre.

West Springs School will remain a kindergarten to Grade 6 school for the 2014-15 school year. In September 2015, Grade 5 students will move to Rosscarrock School. Current Grade 4 students will be able to complete Grade 6 at the school. By 2016 all new Grade 5 and 6 students will be designated to Rosscarrock School.

Going forward, kindergarten enrolment at West Springs School will be capped at approximately 100 students each year using the CBE lottery process to determine admission.

“We know that we are unable to implement a solution that will meet the preferences of all affected stakeholders. With this in mind, the decisions made by administration reflect the desire of parents to minimize disruptions for current students as much as possible and to maximize opportunities for new and future students,” said Davies.

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All accommodation decisions are posted on the CBE website on the community and school planning page -

http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/ceop/notices_correspondence.asp.

Davies will be available to media questions at the following media availability:

Date: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2014

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Education Centre, 1221– 8 St. S.W.

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