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## New School Opening in Saddle Ridge

Re: Information on school designation, grade configuration changes and more

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening a new middle school in Saddle Ridge in September 2016. The opening of Peter Lougheed School will change designations for students in the community. Having a middle school will make it possible to serve kindergarten to Grade 9 students within the community. Students from Saddle Ridge attending Colonel Macleod School will now attend Peter Lougheed School.

**Changes to grade configurations will take place over the next two years as follows:**

School Name	School Year	Grades
Peter Lougheed School	2016-2017	Grade 5-Grade 8
Peter Lougheed School	2017-2018 & Beyond	Grade 5-Grade 9

### Will my child attend Peter Lougheed School or Colonel Macleod School?

Please see the attached map showing the attendance boundary for Peter Lougheed School. Grade 5-Grade 8 students living in Saddle Ridge will attend Peter Lougheed School in its opening year.

The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions between schools. The new school middle school will not offer Grade 9 in its first year. Therefore students will complete Grade 9 at Colonel Macleod School before transitioning to Nelson Mandela High School.

### Where do I go to register my child?

All students in the community who are eligible to attend Grade 5 in September 2016 are asked to register at Colonel Macleod School. Registration at CBE schools is not on a first come-first served basis, so you do not need to register on the first day, although we encourage parents to register their children as soon as possible to help us with our planning and preparation for the new school year.

### Who is the new school Principal?

Principals for the new schools will be announced in February 2016. The principal will work with the existing and new school community, parents and students to develop a school opening plan.

### **Can my child take the school bus?**

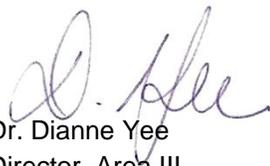
Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Information regarding transportation services and fees is available on our website at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx> and through your school. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

For the 2016-17 school year, Grade 9 students will be provided with transportation services to Colonel Macleod School. Transportation services from the community of Saddle Ridge to Colonel Macleod School will end June 30, 2017.

### **What happens if the new schools aren't ready to open on time?**

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools anticipated to open for September 2016. If there is a delay a contingency plan will be communicated to parents. Our contingency plans will ensure the learning needs of students are met. We will keep parents and the community informed of any changes to the expected opening of Peter Lougheed School. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/default.aspx>

This is an exciting time. We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.



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