



January 27, 2016

Dear West Springs and Cougar Ridge Parents/Guardians:

Re: Construction update for West Springs and Cougar Ridge Middle School

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is currently building sixteen new schools across the city, including a new middle school in the community of West Springs and Cougar Ridge students. The project was originally announced by the Provincial Government in September 2014 as a starter school and in February 2015 the full build of the entire school was approved. The change from a starter school to a complete school required the modification of plans, designs and permit changes. These changes resulted in a delay in construction, with the school currently scheduled to open in January 2017.

The CBE is working diligently with architects, project managers and construction managers to ensure timely completion of each project. Construction schedules may change due to a variety of factors including but not limited to materials supply, weather and permit approvals. We anticipate an update on construction status by the end of February 2016.

We recognize that change can be a challenge for families, particularly when there is uncertainty in timelines. We want to reassure our families that we are committed to working together to keep you informed and updated as new information becomes available. For the most accurate information, please visit our building and modernizing schools page on the CBE corporate website at cbe.ab.ca/schools.

Ryan O'Shaughnessy has recently been appointed principal of the new school in the community of West Springs and Cougar Ridge. Ryan will work with the school community over the next while as we implement the transition plan into the new school building. His collaboration will include communications with community stakeholders as well as support working with parents to establish a School Council.

We want to reassure parents that all students will have a school to attend while we await completion of our new schools. Should there be a need for engagement regarding accommodation planning, we will work with your principals and area director, as well as West Springs and Cougar Ridge families to ensure opportunities for discussion.

Sincerely,


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