



March 12, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Area V Office and the department of Planning & Transportation have been working with stakeholders since January 2013 to address the accommodation challenges in the Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies Program (JBA) at Norman Bethune School. The enrolment in the program is declining. In 2008, the program had a peak enrolment of 195 students. On September 30, 2014 there were 114 students enrolled, and there are currently 98 Grade 7-12 students.

As the community engagement proceeded on December 18, 2014, members of the JBA School Council met with members of CBE administration to present another option. At that time, they presented their three-year plan to attract and retain students in the JBA program. Administration agreed that JBA School Council should commence enacting their attraction and retention plan immediately. The School Council's recruitment goal is to reach 50 students per grade, in all grades (Grades 7 - 12) by September 2017.

We would like to acknowledge the participation and input of interested stakeholders throughout this student accommodation planning process. Feedback from stakeholders is valued and considered when making a final decision. Feedback on options was collected from parents and students at meetings, through an online survey, Your voice, and other emails to administration.

Administrative Decision |

Effective September 2015, Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies will operate with Lord Beaverbrook High School, creating a Campus Concept. This decision reflects stakeholder feedback and provides time for the JBA School Council to enact their three year plan. Should the enrolment goal not be realized by January 2017, CBE Administration will revisit the accommodation plan for the JBA program. In the event that student enrolment in any grade is too low to maintain appropriate programming for students, CBE will reevaluate this accommodation plan. This plan supports:

- Access to programming for all students
- Program integrity
- Maintaining the current location of the program
- Single Principal responsible for both schools, administrator on site
- Academic programming opportunities for Grade 10-12 students at both locations

Students enrolling in the JBA program will be required to register in the courses that reflect the principles of the JBA Program Integrity Document.

Division	Course	Mandatory Courses Hours of Instruction
Division III (Grades 7-9)	Drill and Parade	Club or noon hour activity.
	Junior Flag Party	Club or noon hour activity.
	Military History 7,8 (Each 75 Hours)	Mandatory for all students in the program.
Division IV (Grades 10-12)	Drill and Parade 15,25,35 (15, 25 – 75 Hours 3 Credits) (35 – 125 Hours 5 Credits)	Offered one semester (88 minutes per day). Mandatory for all students in the program.
	Military Studies 15, 25 (Each 75/125 Hours 3/5 Credits)	Mandatory for all students in the program.
	Canadian Geography 20 (75 Hours 3 Credits)	Mandatory for all students in the program.
	Canadian History 20 (75 Hours 3 Credits)	Mandatory for all students in the program.

Grade 7-9 students will take all of their courses, both core and complementary, at the Norman Bethune campus. Classes may be multi-graded to accommodate junior high school students. **In the event that less than 15 students are registered in Grade 7 by June 1, 2015, we will be unable to offer Grade 7 programming for the 2015-2016 school year.**

Grade 10-12 students will take their core and some complementary courses at the Lord Beaverbrook campus. If there are 20 or more students registered in a given course it may be offered at the Norman Bethune campus. Mandatory JBA program course work will be delivered at the Norman Bethune campus.

Transportation

Transportation services to JBA will remain the same. Students registered in the JBA program may access enhanced Calgary Transit (CT) routes to Lord Beaverbrook High School, regardless of the grade in which they are registered. Enhanced CT routes are only available from communities designated to Lord Beaverbrook High School for their regular program. For more information see <http://www.calgarytransit.com/> -School Services tab.

Please contact your school or the Area V office at 403-777-8780 ext. 0 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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