



## Area IV Office

December 15, 2016

Parents and Guardians:

**Re: Accommodation Plans for Area IV French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual Programs**

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has been working with the Westgate School community to find a long-term solution for the accommodation of the French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual alternative programs. The decision about long-term locations for both programs was made in 2014. Since that time we have been waiting for notification that the CBE can occupy Glenmeadows School.

In our letter dated January 25, 2016 we confirmed contingency plans would be required for the 2016-2017 school year and indicated we would work with parents and guardians to find a solution should the delay in occupancy go beyond the Fall of 2017. As this delay was confirmed, an open house was held at Westgate School on November 17, 2016. Feedback was also collected through an online survey available to November 28, 2016. Responses from parents/guardians, both verbal and written, were considered when making the decisions in this letter.

### Glenmeadows School Readiness

CBE staff met with Calgary Arts Academy administration and it is anticipated the Academy will vacate Glenmeadows in early 2018.

Six modular units will be installed for CBE occupancy. As part of the Development Permit, the City of Calgary placed the following conditions that must be attended to before our students begin school at Glenmeadows:

- Parking requirements and signage to support parking.
- Curb cuts, painted crosswalks, and associated signage.
- Addition of a fire hydrant.
- Drainage for new parking area.

CBE Facilities & Environmental Services staff and the Area IV Director conducted an inspection of Glenmeadows and the following issues will be addressed prior to students beginning school in the building:

- Placement of modulares including a link/hallway between school and existing modular unit.
- Exterior work - expanded parking area, painting, stucco and concrete repair, some new roofing.
- Interior work - mechanical and electrical system upgrades, door replacement, hazardous material abatement, painting, floor and ceiling repairs, CBE security and IT requirements.

### Spanish Bilingual Program Accommodation Plans

In consideration of a realistic estimate of the time needed to address the CBE and City of Calgary requirements to ready the building and site, as well as the parent/guardian feedback collected with respect to a mid-year move, Scenario I will be enacted for the Spanish Bilingual program in the 2017-2018 school year with no mid-year move. Students in the Spanish Bilingual program from kindergarten through Grade 6 will relocate to Glenmeadows School for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

We will continue to address concerns raised such as transportation, before and after school care, and resourcing for learning. As information becomes available it will be shared through the schools.

The intent moving forward is to have a kindergarten to Grade 9 continuum for the Spanish Bilingual program shared between Glenmeadows School and A.E. Cross School. This will allow for flexible grade configuration between the two sites, based on enrolment.

#### 2017-2018

| Program           | Grades                 | School                                |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Spanish Bilingual | Kindergarten – Grade 2 | Rosscarrock                           |
|                   | Grades 3 – 6           | Westgate                              |
|                   | Grade 7                | A.E. Cross                            |
|                   | Grades 8 and 9         | Bishop Pinkham                        |
|                   | Grades 10 – 12         | Dr. E.P. Scarlett or William Aberhart |

#### 2018-2019

| Program           | Grades                 | School                                |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Spanish Bilingual | Kindergarten – Grade 6 | Glenmeadows School                    |
|                   | Grades 7 and 8         | A.E. Cross                            |
|                   | Grade 9                | Bishop Pinkham                        |
|                   | Grades 10 – 12         | Dr. E.P. Scarlett or William Aberhart |

#### 2019-2020 and on until further notice

| Program           | Grades                 | School                                |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Spanish Bilingual | Kindergarten – Grade 6 | Glenmeadows                           |
|                   | Grades 7 – 9           | A.E. Cross                            |
|                   | Grades 10 – 12         | Dr. E.P. Scarlett or William Aberhart |

French Immersion Program Accommodation Plans

For the 2017-2018 school year, kindergarten to Grade 5 students enrolled in the French Immersion program, will attend Westgate School. This means children beginning kindergarten and students currently attending kindergarten at Rosscarrock will attend Westgate. Grade 5 students currently at Westgate will attend Bishop Pinkham for Grade 6. Bishop Pinkham has supported Grade 6 students in French Immersion for many years. This school is currently organized for Grades 6 through 9 and has the teaching and learning resources in place to facilitate a smooth transition. For the 2018-2019 school year, Westgate School will accommodate kindergarten to Grade 6 students in French Immersion.

2017-2018

| Program          | Grades                 | School         |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| French Immersion | Kindergarten – Grade 5 | Westgate       |
|                  | Grades 6 – 9           | Bishop Pinkham |
|                  | Grades 10 – 12         | Western Canada |

2018-2019 and on until further notice

| Program          | Grades                 | School         |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| French Immersion | Kindergarten – Grade 6 | Westgate       |
|                  | Grades 7 – 9           | Bishop Pinkham |
|                  | Grades 10 – 12         | Western Canada |

This has been a long and complicated process and we understand the impact contingency planning has on the ability of families to make long-term plans. Past experience demonstrates that circumstances outside of our control may arise. Should adjustments to the accommodation plans shared in this letter be needed, we will communicate with parents and guardians through the schools.



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