

update

POSTPONED

PARENT DROP-IN OPEN HOUSE

Area IV Accommodation Challenges

West Springs and Wildwood Schools

Date: January 21, 2014

The Open House scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 has been postponed pending the outcome of the meeting of the Board of Trustees. At the board meeting on January 21, 2014 Trustees will debate an amendment to Operational Expectations 11: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students. The subsection 11.6

Thank you for your participation to date regarding the accommodation challenges in Area IV. Over the past six months the CBE has been listening to and reviewing your thoughts, concerns and opinions regarding the space issues currently facing our families. This issue is not a simple one. It involves many schools in Area IV and more than 2,600 students. A decision for one school impacts other schools. In order to consider the implications for all schools involved, our Thoughtstream for this project has many scenarios that are complex.

Thoughtstream |

Administration feels a need to clarify the purpose of the Thoughtstream online tool and how information received, is used to help determine solutions to complex and challenging issues.

Thoughtstream helps us to:

- Reach more parents.
- Share what parents think.
- Demonstrate the competing values of parents and the difficulty that administration has when trying to meet all parent wishes.
- Identify common themes among parents: i.e. I want my child to stay at the school they are at.
- Identify misconceptions: i.e. Scenarios for different schools should not be linked.

If you wish to view the Thoughtstream data collected during the Prioritize phase, it is located on the website at: http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/ceop/pp13-14/area_iv_accommodation_challenges.asp

This Thoughtstream data will be consolidated by independent external facilitators at Thoughtstream and will become one piece of the information that administration will review as they look to make a decision on this accommodation challenge in Area IV. CBE administration will also consider the hundreds of emails that have been received over the last 3 months.

If you have new information that you have not already submitted to administration for review, feedback will only be accepted via yourvoice@cbe.ab.ca

Next Steps |

January/February

- Reconvene stakeholder representative meeting to review data and talk about next steps. *(Please note: the stakeholder representative group was selected by principals to provide a balanced representation of all schools involved).*
- Open house for all stakeholders to provide feedback

The CBE recognizes that parents are anxious for a decision involving these schools and we are hopeful that a decision will be reached prior to Spring Break.

Yours truly,



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