



Westgate Spanish Open House Open House

January 20, 2014

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of Education**

Timeline History

May 6, 2010– Parent Meeting regarding space concerns at Westgate School, CBE recommends moving grades 5 & 6 French and Spanish students to Bishop Pinkham.

May 13, 2010 – Parent Council Meeting, parents do not want their students in a junior high setting.

November 19, 2010 – Parent Meeting, CBE designates grade 6 only to Bishop Pinkham School, knowing that this would just delay the inevitable over crowding at Westgate School within two years.

September 2012 – Westgate School is at capacity

December 3, 2012 - Parent Meeting, parents review 4 scenarios and provide input for additional scenarios.

December 4-14, 2012 – Scenarios available for comment on Thoughtstream

January 9, 2013 – Open House – scenario feedback available for review and additional input and prioritizing

February 27, 2013 –Open House – 3 scenarios presented for review by parents

April 8, 2013 - Letter to parents – Move grade 5 students to Bishop Pinkham, short term solution for one year and long term solution to be announced in the 2013-2014 school year. Although a specific school site was not identified, parents were made aware that there were 3 available schools that did not house students during the 2012-2013 school year.

January 2014 – Eugene Coste School is the new location for Spanish Bilingual K-6 for Area IV. Westgate School will become K-6 over the next two years. Bishop Pinkham will revert back to French Immersion, Spanish Bilingual and Regular program over the next two years.

Administrative Decision

| School | Change for 2014 | Change for 2015 |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Westgate School | K-5 French Immersion | K-6 French Immersion |
| Eugene Coste School | K-5 Spanish Bilingual Program | K-6 Spanish Bilingual Program |
| Bishop Pinkham School | Regular Program Grade 7-9 French Immersion Grade 6-9 Spanish Bilingual Grade 6-9 | Regular Program Grade 7-9 French Immersion Grade 7-9 Spanish Bilingual Grade 7-9 |

This administrative decision was made because it:

- Addresses the capacity issue at Westgate and Bishop Pinkham Schools.
- Provides a stand-alone K-6 continuum for both French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs.
- Addresses parent desire to have students continue at Bishop Pinkham School
 - French and Spanish stay together at Bishop Pinkham Gr.7-9
- No regular program or school will close to make room for these changes
- Long term solution to address high space utilization rates in all CBE schools.

Decision Making

Any decisions regarding the implementation of student accommodation plans resulting from attendance area changes or grade configuration changes at schools will be made by the Area Director and the Director of Planning & Transportation in consultation with superintendents.

CBE Guiding Principles

There are several principles that are used when looking at student accommodation.

- Minimize disruptions for students
- Provide program continuity from kindergarten to Grade 12
- Keep cohort groups of students together
- Allow students to attend school as close to home as possible
- Provide long term sustainability
- Use space and resources effectively
- Provide equitable access for all students to quality learning environments and choice of programs

Alberta Education Values

Opportunity – learners are exposed to rich learning experiences that enable them to discover their passions and achieve their highest potential.

Fairness – learners have access to the programs, support services, and instructional excellence needed to achieve the desired outcomes.

Citizenship – learners have pride in their community and culture. They have a sense of belonging and work to improve both the community and the world.

Choice – learners have a choice of both programs and methods of learning.

Diversity – learners' differing needs, cultures, and abilities are respected and valued within inclusive learning environments.

Excellence – learners, teachers, and governors achieve high standards.

Current Ride Times to Westgate

| Bus Letter | # of Stops | From these Communities | Time Range |
|------------|------------|---|---------------|
| A | 4 | Cougar Ridge | 15-24 minutes |
| B | 13 | Christie Park, Aspen, Signal Hill, Springbank Hill | 11-45 minutes |
| C | 9 | Discovery Ridge, Richmond Hill, Signal Hill | 13-38 minutes |
| D | 11 | Glamorgan, Lakeview, Garrison Woods, CFB-Currie, Altadore | 15-50 minutes |
| F | 8 | Springbank | 16-35 minutes |
| I | 12 | Coach Hill, Patterson, Strathcona | 12-46 minutes |
| K | 6 | Westsprings, Cougar Ridge | 16-31minutes |