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Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies

Parent Meeting

Date: February 26, 2015.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Juno Beach Academy at Dr. Norman Bethune School

At this parent meeting CBE administration will have brief presentation at **6:00 p.m.** followed by an opportunity for parents and students to review CBE information, the parent 3 year plan and respond to the two options.

February 11, 2015

Dear Students, Parents & Guardians,

Since January 2014 the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has been engaging parents about the Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies (JBA). The enrolment in the program is declining.

Over the past several months members of the JBA School Council have been in discussions with administration to find a way forward for the JBA. JBA School Council has developed a plan to grow the program over the next 3 years to 50 students per grade. To support this goal the CBE would like parents to consider a new option. Option 1 below has been previously presented to parents. Option 2 is intended as an interim plan to allow the opportunity for JBA School Council to enact their three year plan.

Canadian Studies/Military History courses and Drill & Parade, fundamental courses that contribute to this alternative program, would be mandatory for all students in either option.

Division	Required Course Work	Mandatory
Division III (Grade 7-9)	Drill and Parade	Club or noon hour activity
	Junior Flag Party	Club or noon hour activity
	Military History 7, 8	75 hours of mandatory instruction
Division IV (Grade 10-12)	Drill and Parade 15, 25, 35	15, 25 – 75 hours 3 credits 35 – 125 hours 5 credits
	Military Studies 15, 25	15 – 75 hours 3credits 25 -125 hours
	Canadian Geography 20	75 hours 3 credits
	Canadian History 20	75 hours 3 credits

Option 1

Relocate

Relocate the JBA program Grade 7-12 to Queen Elizabeth Junior/Senior High School for September 2015 (as presented to parents at the Open House on November 17, 2014.)

Relocation incorporates:

- Access to programming for all students
- Program integrity
- More centrally located within catchment area
- Stakeholder feedback
- Single Principal school

Option 2
The Campus Concept

The campus concept incorporates:

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

	Dr. Norman Bethune School	Lord Beaverbrook High School
Grade 7-9 *	Core Subjects & Military History, Junior Flag Party	N/A
Grade 10—12 **	Drill & Parade, Military Studies, Canadian Geography, Canadian History	Core Subjects - Math, Science, English, Social Studies

*Courses may be multi-aged 7-8, or 7-8-9 students depending on number of students. A minimum of 15 students must be registered in Grade 7 for September 2015 for courses to be offered at this Grade level.

**High School location of core subjects will be determined based on student class size and availability of resources. High School classes with a minimum of 20 students could be offered at Norman Bethune for JBA students.

The CBE would like your feedback on these two options. We look forward to seeing you on February 26th. You may also share your feedback at yourvoice@cbe.ab.ca.

Yours truly,



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