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## January 14, 2019

# Important Changes to the Student Population at Panorama Hills School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the fall, the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) identified a need to explore options to balance K-9 enrolment in the three schools in the community of Panorama Hills while ensuring regular program students could continue to attend school in the community. The CBE gathered feedback at an in-person session and through an online survey to understand what was important to affected families as we considered changes to school boundaries and grade configurations for schools in the community.

After careful review and consideration of the feedback, we have decided to make the following changes to the student population at Panorama Hills School effective September 2019:

- K-5 regular program grade reconfiguration
- School boundary changed between Panorama Hills and Buffalo Rubbing Stone schools (see <u>map</u>)

This means that for the 2019-20 school year, the student population at Panorama Hills School will include:

- K-5 regular program
- SKILL and CSSI class for students with complex learning needs

This decision allows K-9 regular program students to remain at schools in the Panorama Hills community and keeps all K-5 students within the walk zone for their designated elementary school.

We believe this is a sustainable plan that provides strong learning opportunities for students. It also balances our values and planning principles with what we heard from affected families.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the in-person session and online survey. Your thoughtful contributions have made a meaningful difference in decision-making.

Top themes from the online survey were: satisfaction that CBE listened to initial feedback and made modifications to implementation where possible; appreciation that siblings can remain together in the modified plan; appreciation that families previously asked to move from Panorama Hills School are able to remain at Buffalo Rubbing Stone School; concerns about Buffalo Rubbing Stone School being over capacity for the next few years; concerns about the differences in school organization and culture between Buffalo Rubbing Stone and Panorama Hills schools; concerns about school start and end times. The complete online survey report is available on our <u>website</u>.

## How will changes be phased in?

All students currently in Grade 4 at Panorama Hills School will remain for Grade 5 in the 2019-20 school year.

#### How will students get to school?

All K-5 regular program students are within walking distance to their elementary school therefore no transportation services will be provided for regular program students to either Buffalo Rubbing Stone School or Panorama Hills School.

# What about bell times, school calendars, transfer of resources and fundraising dollars, and other decisions?

School administration will communicate any potential changes with parents, students and staff throughout the implementation process. Any changes will balance the best interest for the school community and CBE. The CBE Administrative Regulations and other requirements and efficiencies will also be considered in these decisions. Check your school website and newsletter regularly for updates.

#### What if I have more questions?

More information is available on our <u>website</u>. If you have a question that is not answered here or on our website, contact the school's principal. If you still have questions, please contact the Area 2 office at <u>Area2@cbe.ab.ca</u> or 403-777-8720.

This is a time of excitement and, understandably, some apprehension as well. We look forward to working with staff, students and parents to help make a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

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