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Louise Dean Centre Future Plans Discussion – Student Meeting Feb. 20, 2019

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1. What are the opportunities of relocating the program?

▪ Space

- More space
- More space
- More space for everyone
- More space for lots of students & staff
- Better space
- More space
- Bigger for teachers & students
- Bigger outside space
- More space for chef to cook & more space for girls
- More room for babies
- More space for everyone
- More daycare spaces/more room
- More space capacity
- More space for future programs
- More room to accomodate future students and babies
- The space for more opportunities
- Bigger space
- More space
- There would be more space for learning and the day cares.
- More space, Tons more people will attend
- More space for chef to cook
- More space in cafeteria
- More student space
- More room



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- Larger space
- More space for children
- Bigger gym and play area for children
- More space in general for everyone
- More opportunity for space for classes
- More space for children
- Bigger space
- More space
- More space could lead to better option classes for students
- Bigger daycare for babies
- More space
- Bigger space
- More daycare space
- **Facility / Infrastructure**
 - Try to invest more money to build a brand new school then shut this one down and bring the kids from this one to the new one.
 - Newer building
 - Less money spent on building
 - An actual gym
 - Safer for students & babies
 - Updated facility
 - All staff in one building
 - Parking space
 - Less cost
 - Better offices for professionals such as Doctors and nurses
 - Newer facility
 - Playground for kids
 - More money for programs less on maintenance
 - More parking? + stroller space
 - More parking for moms
 - Newer stuff
 - Up to date kitchen for chef
 - New building may be like a new start, it would have more to offer to the students and their children.



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■ **Transportation**

- Right close to C-train
- Train has more room for strollers
- Transit more accessible
- Closer to LRT
- Close to train station
- More transit options
- Better transportation – close to LRT
- Transportation
- Close to C-train
- Less traffic time!
- Wouldn't have to take bus with bad drivers, could walk from train.
- More transit options
- Close to the train
- Train station
- Really close to transportation
- Possibly giving new & easier route
- No bus
- No more mad bus drivers

■ **Location**

- The school is closer to where I live.
- Fair/reasonable location for moms all over Calgary
- Better neighbourhood
- It would be easier to get to school & home
- Easier access
- Away from the public busy Kensington
- Closer to the mall
- More convenient
- Its going to be easier to the students who lives in area to relocate louse dean, especially to the students who have babies with them when their going to school.
- More lunch options
- Mall
- More lunch opportunities



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▪ Additional opportunities

- More students
- A lot more people will attend
- Easier to colaberate
- IDEAL
- More students
- Being able to have more students/children. Wouldn't be causing a back-up in getting moms/babies in. No – wait times. Ex. I had to wait to get in because their wasn't enough room in the daycare.
- More people will attend the program
- Not a good idea!!
- More opportunities
- More connected programs
- CTS classes (No one takes)
- Chinook learning
- Enhance programming needs
- More courses available
- After school programs through Beav. (sports)
- People will be more motivated to actually go to school and be on time
- I think it's a very good Idea
- This would help a lot.
- I can't find any
- Most likely to be a problem with some of the girls
- A new reputation
- Keep away from other high schools.
- Lots of potential
- I can't find any oppportunities unless the school moving belt line



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2. What are the challenges of relocating the program?

▪ Location

- It's location is harder to get too.
- Distance for some people
- Getting used to the location
- Horrible location idea!
- Away from downtown
- The location and shuttle bus
- For people that live farther it could make them have to leave w/ their babies much earlier and during the winter it means the kids have to be in the cold longer.
- Its to far for me
- Could be longer to get to
- Far from NW/NE
- I know of many students who live far N.W, panorama, Coventry and airdrie, the new location would be way too far. To the current location it already takes me and many students an hour and a half to get here. It would take 2 hours to get to new location.
- Bad location/traffic (not near C-train)
- South, not center
- Bad location (not central at ALL)
- HORRIBLE location not central at all. Some girls drive, bad traffic.
- To far, not central
- Travel time for students that live in SE. NE communities that have highest concentration of affordable housing.
- Could be longer Distance for some people
- South is a non-safe are for me and many. A lot of drug users here.
- More traffic to get there
- Any stores for lunch
- To many highschoools around
- Public school to clase
- Conflict with baby mothers
- Too much drama with beaver brooke
- Too much drama with Beaverbrook



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- Nearby high school (drugs/achole/fights)
- Sharing a field w/ Beaverbrooke might be a problem
- Preference not to have our children around nearby high school.
- Not fair to walk with people who will judge us everyday.
- Fights between the girls from both schools due to past history put mother & children at risk
- A highschool next to use with students may make it hard, a lot of the girls know these students and there is a lot of judgement towards us as young adults with children
- Super far from my house
- **Transportation**
 - Transportation. I only need to take one bus at the moment this would take me more time on transit and I feel I would NEVER be on time. However I won't be here until 2021.
 - It would be hard for the students who live far north
 - Not central hard to get to from north anyway. Multiple train transfers.
 - For those that drive it could, like myself, cost much more in fuel/car maintenance because of added km.
 - Almost 2 hour travel time
 - It would take longer to get to school, I would have to take a bus, and 2 trains if the school were to move to new heritage.
 - Could be harder for students who don't live very close to Heritage would be overflow at the train station and harder for strollers to get on train
 - Number 1 bus is common & known to everyone
 - Different bus route, can be confusing.
 - Long bus ride
 - Switching bus routine
 - Might be harder for some but I think access to C-train makes a big difference.
 - Not knowing bus routes
 - Over an hour on transit
 - Longer bus ride
 - More expensive taxi's
 - Have to figure out new bus routes.



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- Trains are more difficult to get on
- **Facility / Infrastructure**
 - Letting go of the old building
 - Money
 - Not enough money for relocating the program.
 - More money invested
 - Moving costs
 - Dr. Norman is the same age as Louise Dean School no need to move
 - Kids play area
 - No parking
 - Parking lot?
 - The playground?
- **Additional challenges**
 - Cold feet
 - Maybe just getting used to the location.
 - Its not a quick process
 - Having a spot in the learning center
 - People are not going to know where school is,
 - This is not a good idea!
 - ☹ 0/5 stars
 - New school to figure out
 - Whole new area
 - timing
 - Adjusting to a new area
 - Time challenges to get to school
 - Timeline



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3. What are the opportunities of keeping the program at its current location?

▪ Location

- It's a central location
- Downtown is a central location
- Easy access
- It is more central than the new location
- Convenient area
- Closer well not as long as travel time
- Still a nice location
- Accessible
- Easy access to LDC
- We are at the best location now. Everyone knows how to get here.
- The #1 bus is right in front of the school.
- Very accessible
- Close to north (majority of school)
- Closer to children's hospital vs South Health/Rocky
- Proximity to Foothills & children's hospital
- Proximity to community partners Made by Momma, Kensington Commons, Highbanks
- Perfect location! Just off Crowchild and Memorial right there!
- The school is already central
- It's a good central location
- I love this location been here for two years....I feel we just need to do renovations and not move all of us around
- People knowing the location
- Everyone knows where to go
- Everyone knows where we are and are comfortable in here

▪ Transportation

- Number 1 is near well known to everyone
- Less transit switches (train, bus)
- Less transit
- Already know my bus routine



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- People will have a harder time getting to school if it moves, and everyone knows the rough to getting to school.
- Maybe we should get a shuttle bus
- Everyone knows how to get here
- People know how to get here would be hard to get into a new transit location
- **Additional opportunities**
 - Can have more people
 - I think the program should stay but build it bigger for more space
 - No need to go through the hassle of moving
 - Everything is here and already fit in our needs
 - Easy
 - No changes
 - Nothing
 - People are used to the school
 - Can't think of any – it's just too small here for future students
 - This place is like our home
 - Don't have to move everything
 - It is enough room as is
 - Things could be updated
 - More courses opportunity, with another high school
 - Protects and preserves history of the school
 - We could go closer beltline?
 - I'm not sure
 - Invest more money then renovate all the current problems



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4. What are the challenges of keeping the program at its current location?

▪ Facility / Infrastructure

- Building is old and small
- Building safety
- Spending lots of money to fix place
- Not as connected
- Older building, hard to maintain
- It is an old building
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- Not enough parking spaces.
- Programs could suffer from maintenance costs
- Keep investing in this old school
- Keep maintaining
- Spending lots of money to maintain building
- Programs no as connected
- High costs
- Just needing maintenance upgrades
- More student parking
- Costs
- Spending more money on the school
- Safety with building
- Old building – higher cost-
- Old building
- Small gym
- No math room
- Older school (and not kept to date)
- Costing a lot to run

▪ Space

- Not enough space
- Space is tight
- Low space
- Need more space



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- No space
- No more space
- Space for more students
- Everyone will be squished in the hallways
- The size of the school is challenging because It can't accomidate as many girls/babies. It can get cramped at times.
- Not enough space for programs
- Small
- Crowded
- Teachers will still share classrooms
- Less space
- Space
- Lack of space
- The school is going to grow too big one day and moving will be the only option.
- **Additional challenges**
 - Few on transit options
 - Some people came from outside Calgary
 - Nothing is wrong with the location.
 - Bus issues
 - Move the kids from the SW into a SW school for pregnant teens/Parenting.
 - Busing problems
 - Cause of the busses are pretty slow
 - Limited classes
 - The best time to move the program
 - None



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5. Additional questions and/or comments

■ Facility / Infrastructure

- I feel like Louise Dean needs mor accomidating parking for students. As I drive a really big truck it's hard for me to find a good place to park. I don't appreciate having to walk (only applies in the WINTER) to get to school. I don't like my baby to get cold.
- Playground isn't fit for kids
- Put a ramp for strollers and a mat for strollers
- Keep the old school and upgrade what we have.
- Invest in this building
- Renovate old building
- Would not be able to use the playground for daycare.
- Maybe a longer term goal of building a new school or entirely revamping the current one is a better idea.
- I also believe the money could possibly be put to a new daycare.
- @ Kensington could space beincreased by adding portable(s) to cosmo/art hallway doors.
- What will happen to Louise Dean building
- The playground is meant for older children 5-6. Its metal, more chance for injuries.

■ Stigma

- I don't think it is a great opportunity especially with highschoools close by.
- Perceived emotional safety very important to LDC students
- Conflict between both schools
- As young moms we will be pointed out with the other students at school
- Two highschoools? Bad mix!!
- Having the two high schools together is not a very good idea, could make moms less comfortable. (many girls leav public school to avoide other student judgment
- Dangerouse to the children and parents that could have pasts that arnt positive.
- *picked on and judge



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- Too close to a LARGE school and many older students who LDC students may know.
 - Highschoolers = close to the children who have drugs/weed.
 - Personally know many females who have had MAJOR Problems with people in that area, as well as not feeling safe there.
- **Transportation**
 - Heritage train station doesn't have an elevator
 - Would it be safe for babes
 - There will be charter buses?
 - As a transit rider the station is ALWAYS packed with trouble makers!
 - Too many high school students around heritage
 - Heritage is always packed in morning with other schools.
 - *crossing Macleod (unless a bus) getting dedicated transit here was hard enough.
 - *train is too busy. Always very busy
 - The heritage station is 10-15 minute walk.
 - Being from SW, and walking with my ex to heritage, there are so many students at the train. Even when I wasn't pregnant, I would wait 3-4 trains until being able to get on a train.
- **Location**
 - Keep the school at the same location period.
 - High school judgemental kids will fill the station and be judgemental, stare. I know I would be uncomfortable.
 - This location has been here for so long a lot of the girls even them who have graduated know this school if they need supports.
 - As someone from the south, the location would look great but would be very far for someone who lives in the north
 - *majority of people live in NE or SE to save money or rent
 - WAY TOO FAR! – Downtown would be easiest for all students.
 - Only convenient for people in the south.
- **Additional comments**
 - Can bell times be changed for LDC so it doesn't correspond with neighbouring schools .
 - Should be two centres one south & one north



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- I think it's a great idea for many years of Louis to come
- When you move you should have tours for graduates so we can see the new place 2012.
- Want more older kids
- My daughter will never see the building I went to school.
- Nope
- I would drop out ☹️
- It helps if people would listen to the input people are giving them
- @Norman Bethune:
- This may be a good suggestion but Louise Dean is home here.
- To move would be taking a legacy.