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CBE is moving forward with plans for a replacement school for Christine Meikle School

CALGARY— The Calgary Board of Education is planning to build a replacement facility for the Christine Meikle School on a CBE designated school site in Varsity Acres.

The Christine Meikle School provides educational programming for secondary school-age students who have moderate to severe developmental disabilities/delays with complex learning, medical and emotional needs.

“The school is extremely important to the students and families it serves and is a vital component in the CBE’s commitment to providing inclusive and personalized learning,” says Jeannie Everett, area one director.

The replacement school will be built on an approved vacant CBE school space in Varsity Acres. The site is west of 50 Street and north of Varna Crescent N.W. on a CBE-owned school site that is zoned for educational purposes.

The existing Christine Meikle School is located in a 55-year-old facility that is not suitable for its current programming purpose. The facility was not originally designed to accommodate this type of programming, nor the highly specialized equipment required for our students with complex special education needs.

“We received approval for this replacement facility when the Province of Alberta announced funding for modernization projects in January,” says Frank Coppinger, superintendent of facilities and environmental services.

The new site is a favourable location for the school because of its proximity to the Alberta Children’s Hospital and the community of support for these students and their families.

The CBE will work with the Varsity Community Association and residents to find out how we can partner to welcome this school to their community.

More information about the school and project plans are available on the CBE website - http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/underdev/Christine_Meikle/christine_meikle.asp. Stakeholders can also ask questions and provide feedback through the website.

Media are invited to a technical briefing at the current Christine Meikle School to learn more about the school and student population:

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: 64 – 12 St. N.E., Calgary, AB

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