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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Calgary Board of Education is holding an Expression of Interest in the possible expansion of the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program for grade 5-7 in Areas IV and V (South Calgary). If we have sufficient interest in this possible expansion, we would be looking to establish a GR 5-7 middle school program and move forward with the next step in the process.

The Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program is designed for students who have limited or no previous knowledge of the Mandarin language and culture. The entry points into bilingual programs are kindergarten and grade 1. The Mandarin program emphasizes speaking, reading and writing and is designed to offer integrated and content-based instruction. An integral part of this language learning opportunity is the development of cultural understanding. Students wishing to enter the program at other grade levels (i.e. Grade 5, 6 or 7), may be enrolled if they meet the appropriate grade level learning outcomes established through proficiency assessments in Mandarin and English reading, writing and speaking.

We will be providing an information session on Wednesday, February 8th from 6-7pm at the Area V Office located at Haysboro School.

The Calgary Board of Education requires a minimum of 40 students per grade in grade 5 and 6 and 20 students in grade 7 registered before March 31, 2017. If the required numbers of confirmed registrations are received, the program would begin in September 2017. If we do not receive enough registrants we will notify families in April 2017, so they have time to register their children in another one of our schools.

Yours sincerely,

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