

March 9, 2006

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the Calgary Board of Education, I would like to provide you with an update on the consultation process regarding the accommodation issues in the Sundance community schools. Approximately 120 people attended both meetings held at Fish Creek Elementary School and Sundance Elementary School on February 7, 2006. We thank you for attending and value your views and feedback. We have summarized your questions and comments on the Area V website (see address below\*), as well as the presentation made to attendees. We look forward to working together as we continue with the *Long Range Student Accommodation Planning Process*.

The next phase of this process involves creating the Scenario Development Team, as per CBE's Administrative Regulation 1090: *Long Range Student Accommodation Planning Process*. A scenario is a potential plan to address student accommodation issues.

2.3.3. *Scenario Development Team identifies the opportunities and challenges of each scenario by considering but not limiting their considerations to all or some of the following options:*

- *Program additions, program expansions, program consolidation, program transfer, attendance area changes, and corresponding accommodation alternatives*
- *Implications:*
  - *Educational implications*
  - *Enrolment/utilization implications*
  - *Attendance area implications*
  - *Grade configuration implications*
  - *Transportation implications*
  - *Financial implications*
- *Potential risks*
- *Recommended timing*
- *Facility condition*

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\* <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/areas/area5/messages.asp>

To this end, the CBE is inviting you to participate in the Scenario Development team. These roundtable working groups will meet at the Area V Office on **March 16, 2006, April 5, 2006 and April 12, 2006** between 6:30 and 9pm. Participation in the Scenario Development Team will be limited to 20 – 25 parents. We have included an Expression of Interest form for you to complete and return to your school principal no later than **Tuesday, March 14, 2006**. We encourage all interested parents to submit the Expression of Interest form, however, only a limited number of participants will be contacted. Should you not be contacted by **Wednesday, March 15, 2006** to participate in this phase of the *Long Range Student Accommodation Planning Process*, you are still invited to submit feedback in writing to your Principal's office by **Thursday, March 16, 2006**.

The CBE understands the importance of this issue for all parents, and, as such, we will keep you informed of the decisions and recommendations made throughout the long-range student accommodation planning process. However, it is very important to stress that any scenarios developed at this stage are not final decisions of the CBE. The Scenario Development Team's recommendations will be presented at a community meeting, at which time you can provide further input.

Should you have any questions concerning the Scenario Development Team or AR 1090: *Long Range Student Accommodation Planning Process*, we encourage you to visit our website\*. You will find an informational video about the planning process under the Community Engagement link on CBE's homepage. Alternatively, feel free to contact the Principal of your school.

The CBE would like to thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue working together in the best interest of our students, your children. Your feedback and participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Naomi Johnson". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Naomi Johnson  
Director, Area V

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\* <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/policies/policies/AR1090.pdf>