



Calgary Board of Education

FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING

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December 9, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Re: Proposed Closure of Eugene Coste School

The Area V office, in collaboration with the Department of Community Engagement and Operational Planning, has been working to address a number of student accommodation issues in Area V. A proposed accommodation plan was developed involving two Area V schools: Eugene Coste and Haysboro as a result of the opening of the new kindergarten to grade four school in the residential district of Evergreen for the 2010-2011 school year. On November 5, 2009 the proposed accommodation plan was presented to a stakeholder group comprised of principals and approximately ten parent representatives from the affected schools. The plan was then presented at school council meetings at each school where feedback and questions were gathered. Calgary Board of Education administration provided further information about the proposed plan and was available to discuss details and answer questions at an open house on November 16, 2009.

The proposed accommodation plan, student enrolment and projection information as well as community feedback about the plan can be viewed on the CBE web site at:

[http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/ceop/pp09-10/eugene\\_coste.asp](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/ceop/pp09-10/eugene_coste.asp)

We appreciate the time and care that parents and the stakeholder group have taken with this process. We would like to emphasize that your feedback through the stakeholder group, open house, and YourVoice played a key role in determining how this recommendation was brought forward. We were faced with the difficult challenge of balancing all and sometimes competing values.

In keeping with the identified outcomes of establishing a sustainable, long term learning continuum for students and effective use of space and resources, the following recommendation will go forward in a report to the Board of Trustees, through Superintendents' Team:

- That the Board of Trustees consider the closure of Eugene Coste School, effective June 30, 2010.

This would require that the Administration:

- Designate all kindergarten to grade six students residing in the residential district of Haysboro and the residential district of Southwood, which is north of Southland Drive, to Haysboro School.
- Designate all grade five to nine students from the residential district of Evergreen (including Evergreen Estates) to Woodman School.

The administrative recommendation will be presented to the Board of Trustees on or about December 15, 2009. Should the Board of Trustees agree to proceed with the consideration of closure of this school, the regulatory process would begin. That process would include additional opportunities for stakeholder input to the Board before they make their final decision.

We would like to acknowledge the participation and input of interested stakeholders throughout this community engagement process. In particular we wish to express our appreciation to the members of the stakeholder group for their time, effort and assistance. The feedback received will be provided to the Board of Trustees with the administrative recommendation.

If you have questions concerning this letter please feel free to contact your school or the Area V office at 777-8780, extension "0".

Sincerely,



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