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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The opening of new Calgary Board of Education schools in the 2016-17 school year means changes for many of our existing schools. Over the past year we have been gathering feedback from those affected by possible changes to the future use of learning space.

In the impacted school scenarios we presented for feedback in October 2016, it was proposed that students from the communities of Woodlands and Woodbine would move from Woodman School to John Ware School. The feedback we received from these parents, students and staff about this proposal expresses a concern that John Ware School might be overcrowded with the addition of these students. We also heard concerns from Harold Panabaker School families about low enrolment in the regular program at the school.

On Thursday evening we met with parents of students from the communities of Woodbine and Woodlands and presented two new options to consider instead of the original scenario proposed in October.

One of the possibilities presented was for students from one of these communities to be designated to Harold Panabaker School. The other scenario involved an optional boundary for these communities; with the option to register at either John Ware or Harold Panabaker schools. In this option, there would be a 'cap' on each of the schools. Should either be oversubscribed, there would be a lottery and those not successful in the lottery would be directed to the other school. Either of these scenarios would help to alleviate pressure at John Ware School and also provide a larger regular program at Harold Panabaker School.

We have opened an online survey for parents, students and staff of Harold Panabaker, Woodbine, Woodlands, John Ware and Woodman schools to get their feedback on the options now available.

The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cbeVimpact5schools> and on your school website until January 28, 2017.

We expect a final decision will be made by March 2017.

Sincerely,

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