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New School Opening in New Brighton

Re: Information on school designation, grade configuration changes and more

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening an elementary school in New Brighton in September 2016. The opening of the new elementary school in will change designations for students living in the community. Having an elementary school in the community will make it possible to serve kindergarten to Grade 4 students in the community. Students from New Brighton attending Acadia School will now attend the new elementary school in New Brighton.

Changes to grade configurations will take place over the next two years as follows:

School Name	School Year	Grades offered
New Brighton elementary	2016-2017	K-Grade 3
New Brighton elementary	2017-2018 & Beyond	K-Grade 4

Will my child attend New Brighton School or Acadia School?

The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum which minimizes transitions between schools. The new school will not offer Grade 4 in its first year. Therefore the elementary school in New Brighton will open kindergarten to Grade 3 and expand to Grade 4 the following year.

Where do I go to register my child for kindergarten?

All students in the community who are eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2016 are asked to register at Acadia School. Kindergarten registration begins on January 11, 2016 and will be ongoing from that date. Registration at CBE schools is not on a first come-first served basis, so you do not need to register on the first day, although we encourage parents to register their children as soon as possible to help us with our planning and preparation for the new school year.

Who is the new school Principal?

Principals for the new schools will be announced in February 2016. The principal will work with the existing and new school community, parents and students to develop a school opening plan.

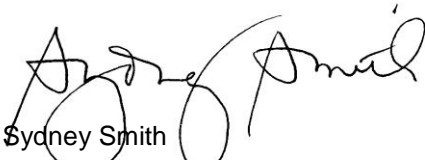
Can my child take the school bus?

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Information regarding transportation services and fees is available on our website at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx> and through your school. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

What happens if the new school isn't ready to open on time?

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools anticipated to open for September 2016. If there is a delay a contingency plan will be communicated to parents. Our contingency plans will ensure the learning needs of students are met. We will keep parents and the community informed of any changes to the expected opening of new elementary school in New Brighton. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/default.aspx>

This is an exciting time. We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.



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