



December 17, 2015

## Dr. Roberta Bondar School Update

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The opening of Dr. Roberta Bondar School in January 2017 will change designations for families living in Aspen Woods and a portion of Strathcona Park (see attached attendance area map.) The new school will serve kindergarten to Grade 6 students. Students from Aspen Woods/Strathcona Park attending Olympic Heights, Wildwood and Jennie Elliott Schools will attend Dr. Roberta Bondar School as indicated below.

### Opening year grade configurations for children living in Aspen Woods and the indicated portion of Strathcona.

| School Name               | School Year | Grades offered     |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Dr. Roberta Bondar School | 2016-2017   | K-Grade to 4       |
| Olympic Heights School    | 2016-2017   | Grade 5 to Grade 6 |
| Wildwood School           | 2016-2017   | Grade 5 to Grade 6 |
| Vincent Massey School     | 2016-2017   | Grade 7 to Grade 9 |

### Will my child attend Dr. Roberta Bondar School or Olympic Heights / Wildwood /Jennie Elliott School?

For September 2016 students will attend their current designated school. Students will attend that school until Dr. Roberta Bondar School is ready. When the school opens kindergarten to Grade 4 students will transfer to Dr. Roberta Bondar for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year and subsequent years.

Throughout the engagement process the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) heard from parents that limiting the number of transitions for students is an important consideration. With this in mind the CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions. Dr. Roberta Bondar School will open K-Grade 4 and expand one grade level each subsequent year.

Note: Students in Grade 4 during this 2015-2016 school year will complete Grades 5 and 6 at their current school before transitioning to Vincent Massey School for Grade 7.

### **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 their current designated school. Kindergarten registration begins 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 January 2017. 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 Dr. Roberta Bondar School. 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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# Attendance Area for Dr. Roberta Bondar School

Effective the 2016-2017 School Year

