



November 19, 2015

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

## **Re: Update for Spanish program grade configurations for Areas I, II, and III**

The Calgary Board of Education would like to *update* parents and students who are registered in the Spanish Bilingual program in Areas I, II and III.

In the spring of 2012, an engagement process was undertaken to address the challenges of continued growth of the Spanish Bilingual program in North Calgary.

A recommendation letter was sent out January 10, 2013 outlining the administrative decisions to re-designate communities based on feedback received from stakeholders. At that time, the decision reflected the following:

### **2013-2014**

- Status quo - all students continue to attend current designated schools for kindergarten to Grade 9

### **2014-2015**

- New kindergarten and Grade 1 Spanish Bilingual Program opens in Northwest Calgary at W.O. Mitchell School for September 2014. The program continues to expand by a grade each year. Communities designated to this school include:
  - Bowness
  - Crestmont
  - Greenwood/ Greenbriar
  - Montgomery
  - Parkdale
  - Point McKay
  - Rocky Ridge
  - Royal Oak
  - Scenic Acres
  - Silver Springs
  - St. Andrews Heights
  - Tuscany
  - University Heights
  - University of Calgary
  - Valley Ridge
  - Varsity
  - West Hillhurst (West of 14 St.)

## 2015-2016

- Grade 5 students remain at their elementary school
  - Dalhousie and Collingwood Schools become kindergarten to Grade 5
  - Senator Patrick Burns School becomes Grade 6-9 for Spanish; Regular program and the NSA partnership will remain Grade 7-9

At this point, and for the foreseeable future, Senator Patrick Burns School will continue to accommodate GR6-GR9 Spanish Bilingual program students. Dalhousie School and Collingwood School will continue to accommodate kindergarten to Grade 5 students Spanish Bilingual program students. Should changes to this grade configuration become necessary a communication will be sent out via your child's school.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the Area I office at 403-777-8710 (extension 0) or the Area II office at 403-777-8720 (extension 0).



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