



January 25, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Contingency Plans for Area IV French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has been working with the Westgate School community since 2012 to find a long-term solution for the accommodation of the French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs.

As we have previously shared with you, in March 2014 a decision was made to relocate the Spanish Bilingual program from Westgate School to Glenmeadows School. The school is currently occupied by the Calgary Arts Academy. It was hoped that the charter school would have moved to their new location for the 2016-17 school year but the CBE has had to implement contingency plans for both programs for this school year.

Alberta Education has recently informed us that they are working to allow CBE to move into Glenmeadows School for September 2017. We will continue to work closely with the Government to do everything possible to meet this timeline. We will also continue to advise Government on the impacts the ongoing uncertainty has on student learning and the inability of our families to make long-term plans.

The Calgary Board of Education has previously shared with parents our contingency plans for both language programs. These plans will continue to be in effect for the 2016-17 school year:

Program	Grades	School
French Immersion	Kindergarten Grade 1-5 Grade 6-9	Rosscarrock School Westgate School Bishop Pinkham School
Spanish Bilingual	Kindergarten – Grade 1 Grade 2-6 Grade 7-9	Rosscarrock School Westgate School Bishop Pinkham School

Should there be delays in occupancy beyond the Fall of 2017, we will work with parents to find solutions for 2017-18 in both the Area IV Spanish Bilingual and French Immersion programs. More information and opportunities for engagement will be communicated with you through the school.

The CBE has also been given six modular classrooms for installation at Glenmeadows School that will allow the building to eventually accommodate the elementary Spanish Bilingual program. It is expected that the CBE will be able to install these units on the site in the summer of 2016 for our use when the CBE moves into the school.

If you have any questions, please contact the Area IV Office at 403-777-8750 ext. 0.

Sincerely,



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