



March 17, 2016

## New School Opening in West Springs

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening a middle school in West Springs in January 2017. The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions between schools. West Ridge School in conjunction with West Springs School will make it possible to serve all kindergarten-Grade 9 students in the community. This will allow middle school students in West Springs and Cougar Ridge to attend a school closer to home.

### Grade configurations at schools that serve West Springs:

School Name	School Year	Grades
West Springs*	2016-2017	K-Grade 4
West Ridge	2016-2017	Grade 5-8
Vincent Massey	2016-2017	Grade 9
West Ridge	2017 & Beyond	Grade 5-9

*\*Note: Grade configuration at West Springs School will change from K-6 to K-4 effective September 2016.*

### If the new school opens in January, where will students go in the fall?

From September through December, Grade 5-6 students living in West Springs will temporarily attend West Springs School while Grade 5-6 students from Cougar Ridge will temporarily attend Wildwood School.

Grade 7-8 students from both West Springs and Cougar Ridge will temporarily attend Vincent Massey School.

To make the transition to the new schools as easy as possible, we plan to place students from West Ridge School in classes together with the teacher(s) who will move with them. Once at the new school, the most significant change for students will be their new surroundings as classmates, teachers and learning will remain the same.

### How do I register my child?

Eligible students who are currently attending West Springs, Vincent Massey, Rosscarrock or Wildwood Schools will automatically be transferred to the new middle school when it opens.

Currently we are not accepting transfers or registrations for students who are attending other CBE schools or schools operated by other districts. Information on registration

for those students will be available May 2. We expect to have enough space for all eligible students living in the community.

**Can my child stay at Vincent Massey School?**

Please plan to attend a meeting on April 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Vincent Massey School library.

**Who is the new school Principal?**

Ryan O'Shaughnessy is the principal of West Ridge school. Ryan will start in his new role on April 4, 2016 and will work with parents and students to develop a school opening plan. To learn more about Ryan please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/newschools> and click on the West Springs middle school link.

**Can my child take the school bus?**

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/newschools> and click on the link to West Ridge School to see the walk zone map. General 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.

Transportation to Vincent Massey School will be available until the end of June 2017.

**What happens if the new school isn't ready to open in January?**

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools. 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 date.

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

Sincerely,



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# Attendance Area for West Ridge School

Effective September 2016

