



Westgate Open House

February 11, 2014

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of Education

Timeline History

May 6, 2010– Parent Meeting regarding space concerns at Westgate School, CBE recommends moving grades 5 & 6 French and Spanish students to Bishop Pinkham.

May 13, 2010 – Parent Council Meeting, parents do not want their students in a junior high setting.

November 19, 2010 – Parent Meeting, CBE designates grade 6 only to Bishop Pinkham School, knowing that this would just delay the inevitable over crowding at Westgate School within two years.

September 2012 – Westgate School is at capacity

December 3, 2012 - Parent Meeting, parents review 4 scenarios and provide input for additional scenarios.

December 4-14, 2012 – Scenarios available for comment on Thoughtstream

January 9, 2013 – Open House – scenario feedback available for review and additional input and prioritizing

February 27, 2013 –Open House – 3 scenarios presented for review by parents

April 8, 2013 - Letter to parents – Move grade 5 students to Bishop Pinkham, short term solution for one year and long term solution to be announced in the 2013-2014 school year.

January 20, 2014 – Open House at Eugene Coste School. Eugene Coste School announced as the new location for Spanish Bilingual K-6 for Area IV.

January 2014 – Appeal of the decision to move Spanish Bilingual to Eugene Coste School

February 2014 – Appeal upheld. Additional Parent meeting to gather additional input on possible options.

Decision Making

Feedback received from January 28, 2014 (the date the appeal response letter was sent home to parents) and February 18, 2014 (the date that the Survey Monkey closes), to be reviewed by administration for a final decision includes:

- survey results,
- yourvoice emails
- feedback collected at the open house
- emails and letters received at Area IV Office, the Chief Superintendent's Office and by the Board of Trustees.

A final decision will consider the guiding principles for student accommodation and reflect as many of the principles as possible.

It is anticipated that a decision letter will be issued by the Area IV prior to Spring Break.

CBE Guiding Principles

There are several principles that are used when looking at student accommodation.

- Minimize disruptions for students
- Provide program continuity from kindergarten to Grade 12
- Keep cohort groups of students together
- Allow students to attend school as close to home as possible
- Provide long term sustainability
- Use space and resources effectively
- Provide equitable access for all students to quality learning environments and choice of programs

Alberta Education Values

Opportunity – learners are exposed to rich learning experiences that enable them to discover their passions and achieve their highest potential.

Fairness – learners have access to the programs, support services, and instructional excellence needed to achieve the desired outcomes.

Citizenship – learners have pride in their community and culture. They have a sense of belonging and work to improve both the community and the world.

Choice – learners have a choice of both programs and methods of learning.

Diversity – learners' differing needs, cultures, and abilities are respected and valued within inclusive learning environments.

Excellence – learners, teachers, and governors achieve high standards.

Current Ride Times to Westgate

Bus Letter	# of Stops	From these Communities	Time Range
A	4	Cougar Ridge	15-24 minutes
B	13	Christie Park, Aspen, Signal Hill, Springbank Hill	11-45 minutes
C	9	Discovery Ridge, Richmond Hill, Signal Hill	13-38 minutes
D	11	Glamorgan, Lakeview, Garrison Woods, CFB-Currie, Altadore	15-50 minutes
F	8	Springbank	16-35 minutes
I	12	Coach Hill, Patterson, Strathcona	12-46 minutes
K	6	Westsprings, Cougar Ridge	16-31minutes

What we heard from parents

- ☐ Keep the two programs together
- ☐ Move regular programs to make room
- ☐ Consider splitting the programs
- ☐ Keep both programs together in younger grades
- ☐ Abolish kindergarten at Westgate
- ☐ Open a new location
- ☐ Allow room for growth
- ☐ Use charter school (currently not available)
- ☐ K-6, 7-9 learning continuum

Option1

Option 1 – Relocate Spanish Bilingual Program from Westgate School to Eugene Coste School all at once effective September 2014. Bishop Pinkham School will become Grade 7-9 for both programs over time.

Spanish Bilingual Schools/Locations (Kindergarten to Grade 9)

Current Grade of your Child(ren) this year (2013)	Future Years/Grades								
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French Immersion Schools/Locations (Kindergarten to Grade 9)

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Program/Grade Configurations by School

School Year	French Immersion		Spanish Bilingual		
	Westgate	Bishop Pinkham	Westgate	Eugene Coste	Bishop Pinkham
Current	K-4	GR5-9	K-4		GR5-9
2014	K-5	GR6-9		K-5	GR6-9
2015 onward	K-6	GR7-9		K-6	GR7-9

Legend

Westgate	
Eugene Coste	
Bishop Pinkham	

Option 2

Option 2 – Relocate Spanish Bilingual program from Westgate to Eugene Coste School over time. To allow space at Westgate for current Grade 1-4 Spanish Bilingual students to phase out over the next few years, it may be necessary to cap kindergarten and grade 1 registrations for French Immersion. If necessary the lottery process would be used to determine eligibility. Bishop Pinkham School will become Grade 7-9 for both programs over time.

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2016	K-5	GR6-9	GR4-5	K-3	GR6-9
2017	K-6	GR7-9	GR5-6	K-4	GR7-9
2018	K-6	GR7-9	GR6	K-5	GR7-9
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Option 3

Option 3 – Keep K-4 French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs at Westgate School by capping new kindergarten enrolment at approximately 50 students per program each year. If necessary the lottery process would be used to determine eligibility. Effective September 2016, Spanish Bilingual students in grades 5&6 will attend a new Spanish Bilingual middle school at A.E. Cross School. Current Spanish Bilingual students will phase out of Bishop Pinkham School.

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2017	K-4	GR5-9	K-4	GR5-8	GR9
2018 onward	K-4	GR5-9	K-4	GR5-9	

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