update

Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies

November 20, 2014

The Calgary Board of Education is currently engaging parents about the Juno Beach of Canadian Studies Program. The enrolment in the program is declining. There are currently 114 Grade 7-12 students enrolled in the program and that number is not projected to increase in the coming years. In 2008, the program had a peak enrolment of 195 students.

Given the low enrolment, the CBE is not able to provide additional course options, such as advanced placement, language, fine arts and career and technology courses, for such a small student population.

At a November 17, 2014 open house, we presented two options about the future of the program for discussion with parents: to relocate the Juno Beach Academy for Canadian Studies Program to Queen Elizabeth School or to close the program.

The goal at the event was to consult with parents by obtaining their feedback on possible options to address low enrolment at the school, as well as to get their ideas. This was a continuation of a conversation about the future of the program that began last year. Parents will also be able to provide additional input via a survey and we continue to receive online feedback.

The intention is to have a final recommendation made about the future of the program in early December.

Any decisions regarding consideration of closure of a program and/or schools will be made by the Board of Trustees upon a recommendation from the Chief Superintendent. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision about a closure of the program.

Yours truly,

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