



# Parent Representative Meeting Schools Impacted by New School Openings

Areas 6 & 7  
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# Agenda

- Introductions & welcome
- Purpose of meeting
- What we heard in spring 2017
- Factors and what's happened since spring 2017
- School groupings and rationale
- Group discussions
- Next steps & wrap up

# Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Davis, Trustee, Wards 6 & 7

Richard Hehr, Trustee, Wards 8 & 9

Calvin Davies, Area Director, Area 7

Sydney Smith, Area Director, Area 6

Brian Unterschultz, System Principal, Area 7

Liana Appelt, System Principal, Planning and Transportation

Anne Trombley, Manager, Planning

Karen Drummond, Manager, Community Engagement

Conor McGreish, Planning Analyst

Deb Hamilton, Community Engagement Advisor

Principals

# Purpose

- Discuss factors that affect the Area 6 and 7 impacted schools engagement
- Inform and gather feedback on plans for engagement
- Confirm next steps

# Format For Meeting

- Everyone has wisdom and ideas to contribute
- Listen to understand
- Balance air time fairly
- Disagree respectfully
- Minimize distractions

# What We Heard In Spring 2017

Some highlights from principals and parents in the spring:

- School-specific issues and considerations
- Expand Science, TLC, Montessori, All Girls and GATE programs
- Programs for students with exceptional needs
- Child care
- We are fine and no changes are necessary

# CBE Values

- Students come first.
- Learning is our central purpose.
- Public education serves the common good.

# CBE Planning Principles

- 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



# What Has Changed Since Spring 2017?

- Transportation
- Sept. 30 enrolment
- Projections
- Fiscal environment

# Future School Involvement

- We propose that some schools originally identified for the Area 6 and 7 Impacted Schools engagement will no longer be involved.

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## Schools Not Involved Moving Forward

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| ■ A.E. Cross     | ■ Killarney       |
| ■ Battalion Park | ■ Glamorgan       |
| ■ Bishop Pinkham | ■ Vincent Massey  |
| ■ Jennie Elliott | ■ Olympic Heights |

# Schools Not Involved

A.E. Cross	Part of a previous accommodation plan. Grade 7 Spanish Bilingual started this year with expansion over the next two years.
Battalion Park	May be needed as a potential overflow location for Griffith Woods. Consideration for before and after school care. Consideration for complex learning class. Long term plan to right size building.
Bishop Pinkham	Part of a previous accommodation plan when Bishop Pinkham was nearing capacity. Will accommodate regular program and French Immersion into the future.
Jennie Elliott	Will become the new home for the Grade 1-6 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program.

# Schools Not Involved

Killarney	Lower intake for the 2017-2018 school year. Will continue to monitor enrolment trends.
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Glamorgan	Unable to expand program due to lack of junior high space in the area. Expanding elementary would create further challenges for Grades 7-9.
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Vincent Massey	Enrolment growth from designated communities will maintain student population.
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Olympic Heights	Home area students previously overflowed have been called back. Consideration for complex learning class.
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# Proposed Groupings

Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rosscarrock, West Springs, West Ridge and Wildwood schools</li><li>▪ Cougar Ridge community</li></ul>	Possible re-designation which may result in excess capacity
Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Glendale, Glenbrook, Alexander Ferguson, Richmond schools</li><li>▪ Killarney/Glengarry community (option area)</li></ul>	Option area boundary review

# Group Discussions

- Two groups
  - **Group A:** Rosscarrock, West Springs, West Ridge, Wildwood schools
  - **Group B:** Glendale, Glenbrook, Alexander Ferguson, Richmond schools
- A facilitator will take notes

# Discussion Question #1

**Group A proposed change:** Accommodate K-6 students from the Cougar Ridge community closer to home.

**Group B proposed change:** Set boundary for each school (remove option boundary).

## **Questions:**

- Why?
- Why not?
- Considerations?

## Engagement Plan - Decision to be Made

By April 2018 the Calgary Board of Education will communicate plans for the sustainable use of learning space in schools impacted by the openings of Girffith Woods School, Dr. Roberta Bondar School and West Ridge School. Plans may be implemented for the 2018-19 school year or later.



# Engagement Plan - Decision Makers

Sydney Smith, Director, Area 6

Calvin Davies, Director, Area 7

Carrie Edwards, Director, Planning and Transportation

# What Will Guide Decision-Making

- CBE values
- CBE planning principles
- Stakeholder input and feedback
- Other factors

# Engagement Plan - Timeline

Dec. – Jan.	Online survey
Jan. – Feb.	In-person sessions
March	Feedback on proposed plans
April	Announce decisions

# Engagement Plan

Questions?

## Discussion Question #2

- Do you think this plan will work for your school community?
- Do you have suggestions for modifications to this plan?

# Sharing Back

What are the highlights from your group discussion about the draft engagement plan?

# Next Steps

- Information about this engagement circulated to parents at the eight affected schools tomorrow
- Consider feedback as we revise and finalize the engagement roadmap
- Roadmap posted by Dec. 11, 2017
- Online survey December 2017 to January 2018
- More engagement opportunities in new year

# Closing Remarks

- Sydney Smith, Director, Area 6





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