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Feb. 14, 2017

Important Changes to Student Population at Acadia School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After thorough review and feedback received from parents, students, staff and community members January 2016 to January 2017, we have decided to make the following changes to the student population at the school:

- Grades 5-6 are added to current school population

This means the future student population will include:

- Regular program K-6 students living in Acadia and Fairview

This decision was made to address the fact that the school is under capacity. The decision maintains a strong regular program in the community by adding grades to increase the student population. More details of what we heard from the community and how this plan responds to that feedback is detailed in the attached [chart](#).

We believe this plan provides the best use of learning space for our students, schools and communities as a whole. It also balances our values and planning principles with what we heard from our students, staff, parents and community.

We know you may have questions about implementing this plan, and we are providing answers to the most frequently asked questions here.

Thank you to everyone who participated at in-person sessions, open houses and through online surveys throughout the engagement process. Your thoughtful contributions have made a meaningful difference in decision-making.

How will changes be phased in?

The change from K-4 to K-6 will occur over the next two years as follows:

School Year	Grades Offered
2017-2018	K-5
2018-2019	K-6

How will students get to school?

School walk zones and attendance areas can be found using the CBE's [Find a School](#) tool. Students designated to Acadia School who live beyond the walk zone for the school will continue to access yellow school bus transportation to the school. Visit [Busing & Transportation](#) for more information.

Will students need to register at the new school location?

Students currently attending Acadia School will have their enrolment automatically rolled over to the higher grades as they are added to the school.

Will teachers and other staff at the school be changing?

Movement of staff depends on student enrolment, requirements at the school as well as individual career choices.

What support will families and students receive during the transition?

Each school may provide support in different ways, such as hosting an information session, offering a school tour or other means of communication. Your school will advise of these opportunities once they are determined.

When a student with complex learning needs moves from one school to another, the supports required to fulfill the IPP requirements move with them. Teachers and staff at the former and new school collaborate to ensure the student's needs are met.

What about bell times, school calendars, transfer of resources and fundraising dollars, and other decisions?

School administration will communicate with staff, students and parents on implementing processes that work best for the CBE and the school community. CBE Administrative Regulations and other requirements and efficiencies will also be considered in these decisions. Check your school website and newsletter regularly for updates.

What if I have more questions?

We have posted an [implementation FAQ](#) and other information on our [website](#). If you have a question that is not answered here or on our website, contact the school's principal. If you still have questions, please contact the Area V office at AreaV@cbe.ab.ca or 403-777-8780.

This is a time of excitement and, understandably, some apprehension as well. We look forward to working with staff, students and parents to help make a smooth transition.

Sincerely,



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Director, Planning and Transportation



Decision: Home Area K-6

Grades 5-6 are added to current school population

Current:	Key factors and what we heard	Response related to key factors and what we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programming: Regular program K-4 	<p>Keep students close to home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains regular program in the communities of Fairview and Acadia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment: Home Area = 225 Other = 5 Total = 230 	<p>It's important to provide a variety of options and extracurricular activities for students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases to student population allows for broader scope of programming options for students Space for before and after school care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available instructional space: 525 	<p>Minimize the number of moves a student makes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides preferred grade configuration K-6 Keeps regular program K-9 cohort together
<p>Issue: Under capacity</p>	<p>Concerns about increased distance and time on bus and potential to increase overall carbon footprint</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows students to continue to walk to school Continues to minimize travel time to school
	<p>Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains regular program in community