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Dear parents and guardians,

Construction progress on the new school in Skyview Ranch currently indicates the possibility of an opening in September 2022. We hope to confirm the opening date shortly. In the event a September 2022 opening is possible, a plan has been developed that will allow many students to attend school closer to home. This plan will require an adjustment of boundaries and designations for Skyview Ranch families.

### **Rationale for Plan**

We believe this plan provides the best opportunity for the following CBE planning principles to be achieved:

- Students attend school closer to home.
- Program continuity from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Equitable access for all students to quality learning environments and choice of programs.
- Space and resources are used effectively.

Planning principles are considered in making all CBE student accommodation decisions, and can be found in [AR1090](#).

### **Changes Proposed**

The new school will offer kindergarten to Grade 8 in its first year and expand to Grade 9 the following year.

Kindergarten to Grade 8 students living in the community of Skyview Ranch will attend their new designated school for the 2022-23 school year. Students currently in Grade 8 will remain at Dr. Gordon Higgins School for their Grade 9 year.

### **Schools to be Impacted by Declining Enrolment**

Schools that currently accommodate students from the community of Skyview Ranch will see a decline in enrolment when the new school opens. These schools are Annie Foote School, Monterey Park School and Dr. Gordon Higgins School. There will be further work in the future to minimize the impact on these schools. Families with students attending these schools can expect to receive another update in spring 2022.

### **Registration Information**

All students in the community who are eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year are asked to register at Annie Foote School. Kindergarten registration begins Jan. 17, 2022 and will be ongoing from that date. Registration at CBE schools is not on a first-come-first-served basis, so you do not need to register on the first day, although we encourage parents to register their children as soon as possible to help us with our planning and preparation for the new school year.

Student transfers from other CBE schools, registrations from other school districts, or students new to CBE will only be accepted after the principal is in place, which will be at the beginning of April 2022. Please note that the new school will only be able to accommodate students living within the designation area. Out-of-attendance area students will not be accepted for the new Skyview Ranch School.

We expect that the new school will have enough space for all students in its designation area.

**What happens if the new school isn't ready to open on time?**

The CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools anticipated to open for September 2022. 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 of the new school in Skyview Ranch. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/default.aspx>

**More Information**

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