



Hugh A. Bennett School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Hugh A. Bennett Survey. It was a wonderful way to get to know your wants and needs for your children.

Many of you have asked questions I would like to respond to.

1. What will be the philosophy of learning?

Hugh A. Bennett School's philosophy will be grounded in the core values of the Calgary Board of Education: students come first, learning is our central purpose and public education serves the common good. To that end, we will strive to engage your children both intellectually and academically through authentic cross-curricular tasks connected to the real world. We will focus on formative assessment strategies so your children are able to tell you what they are learning, why they are learning it and what their next steps in learning are.

2. Will it be possible to introduce a TLC program?

Hugh A. Bennett will not be introducing a TLC program.

3. Will the two elementary schools in one community be cooperating or competitive?

Both Saddle Ridge School and Hugh A. Bennett School will work together in a truly collaborative manner.

4. Will there be transportation for my child?

All students attending Hugh A. Bennett School live within the walk zone with the exception of the students who will attend the TASC class (for more information about TASC, please visit the [CBE website](#)).

As Hugh A. Bennett School is not scheduled to open until January 2017, all students will be attending school within the new Peter Lougheed Middle School. During this time, transportation will be available to the families of Hugh A. Bennett School at the cost set by the Calgary Board of Education.

Both Gord Choate, principal of Peter Lougheed School and myself are committed to ensuring the transition for your children to Peter Lougheed and Hugh A. Bennett are met with success.

5. Are the teachers experienced?

As of April 18, 2016, we have hired 8 teachers. I am pleased to tell you these teachers come with a wealth of knowledge and experience. As with any school and as staffing continues there will be a blend of veteran teachers and new teachers. We will ensure our teachers are well supported in delivering the best possible education to your children.

6. When is the school opening?

Hugh A. Bennett is scheduled to open January 2017. Please visit the [website](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding construction progress.

7. What is the grade configuration for the school?

Hugh A. Bennett will be a kindergarten – grade 4 school.

8. What are the changes from Saddle Ridge School?

Collaboration between Sandra Levesque and I has already begun! It is my intent to make the transition to Hugh A. Bennett as seamless as possible for your children. We will ensure there is as much consistency in learning as possible.

9. Will there be a playground?

There will be no playground to start. Luckily there are a couple playgrounds within walking distance to the school.

As a school council and a parent association is established, we will begin to discuss a course of action for fundraising around getting a playground.

10. How do register my child for the new school?

If your child currently attends Saddle Ridge School as a kindergarten – grade 3 student, no registration is necessary. Your child will automatically be registered at Hugh A. Bennett School.

If you are the parent of a student who will be attending kindergarten in the September 2016, please register your child at Saddle Ridge School or at the Area III Office at 4711 Maryvale Dr NE.

11. Is there going to be a meeting for the new school?

Yes, we will have an opportunity for parents to meet regarding Hugh A. Bennett School on June 23 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten orientation will be June 2 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

12. What will the teacher to student ratio be?

We will strive to keep the teacher-to-student ratio as low as possible.

13. Where is Hugh A. Bennett located?

The address for Hugh A. Bennett School is 40 Saddlelake Way NE.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact us at 403-817-3560 or via email at HughABennett@cbe.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Lisa Nachtigal, Principal

