

# questions & answers

## James Fowler High School

June 2017

- 1) **Why was the culinary program space cut from the modernization?**
  - The modernization that was proposed for the culinary space was a significant portion of the modernization budget.
  - The scope of the modernization was reduced to fit within the project budget. The culinary space was selected by the principal in order to keep the modernization of the other CTS spaces.
  
- 2) **Did the hazardous material removal impact the funds available for the modernization?**
  - No, hazardous material abatement is not paid for with the modernization budget.
  
- 3) **Can Brandon's story be used to showcase the RAP program?**
  - Yes, we will make it available to the school. It can be used to promote RAP and other unique pathway opportunities.
  
- 4) **Can the CBE make it easier for parents to find information on what courses/programs are offered at each high school?**
  - Visit the CBE website [CTS page](#) to find a searchable link for CTS courses.
  - [The High School Information Guide and Detailed High School Course Guides are posted on the CBE High School webpage.](#)
  - The CBE is in the process of updating all of our schools' websites. When the new website for James Fowler launches parents will be able to find the high school course guide and related information more easily.
  
- 5) **What CTS programs are accredited?**
  - Please visit the [Unique Opportunities and Off-Campus Education](#) webpage for information on Dual Credit programs.
  
- 6) **A) How does the CBE communicate that students can take a single course or CTS stream at a school that is not their designated school?**
  - This information is made available in the [High School Short Guide](#) on page 14 and the [Detailed High School Guide](#) on page 2.
  - These types of opportunities are available to students at other CBE high schools, the Career and Technology Centre (CTC) at Lord Shaughnessy, through CBe-learn, through Chinook Learning Services, and as part of our [unique opportunities and off-campus education](#).
  
- B) How does this affect funding?**
  - Funding is allocated to the school where the student is primarily designated and registered.



**7) Will the CBE change the boundaries of James Fowler to increase enrolment?**

- CBE does not have a plan to change the boundaries for James Fowler High School.
- Boundary changes can either increase or decrease the number of future students who are designated to a school. Any boundary changes that add students to one school boundary need to be carefully considered with respect to the impact(s) they will have on enrolment at other schools.
- Beginning in fall 2017, CBE will be engaging parents, student and community members with respect to high schools within our system. Through this work there will be opportunities for parents to learn how our high schools are currently configured and provide feedback that will inform possible changes.

**8) Is James Fowler being considered as a replacement site for Chinook Learning? Adult Education?**

- James Fowler High has been identified as a potential site for Chinook Learning Services. The high school engagement that will take place in the fall 2017 may identify other potential sites.
- Chinook Learning Services needs to move from their current site at Viscount Bennett. A two campus model is being considered that would have a north and a south location.
- The CBE has set criteria that the new locations for Chinook Learning Services will need to meet.
- The criteria include:
  - Centrally located within the north quadrant and south quadrant of Calgary.
  - Access to a variety of transportation options (bus, C-train, parking for cars).
  - Available space including CTS spaces, classrooms, labs and learning commons.
  - The addition of Chinook Learning would not be disruptive to current students' learning or school activities.

**9) What would be a priority over the locker rooms and bathrooms being renovated?**

- The renovation of the change rooms including change room locker replacement is part of the Three-Year Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Plan. The plan is to upgrade the washrooms using project funds topped up with IMR funding. IMR funding would be diverted to other schools or projects that experience an unexpected major system failure. For example, the boilers in a school need to be replaced.

**10) Will James Fowler High continue to be viable long-term if a new North high school is built?**

- The opening of a new high school in North Calgary will not have an impact on the student population at James Fowler High based on the current designation area.
- Currently, a new high school in North Calgary is priority #12 on the CBE's combined list of new school and major modernization priorities. CBE requires provincial approval and funding in order to build new schools. An

analysis of the need for a new high school in north Calgary can be found on page 29 of CBE's [Three Year School Capital Plan 2018-2021](#). Communities currently considered to be within the potential future designation area for a North high school are the Northern Hills communities (Harvest Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Hills and Panorama Hills). Country Hills is the only community currently designated to James Fowler High School. As of September 30, 2016 there were seven students from Country Hills attending James Fowler High School.

