

On Oct. 3, families impacted by redesignations at schools in south-central Calgary received a letter notifying them of a plan to balance enrolment among the schools. The development and launch of the plan was timed to align with the launch of the CBE Home Education Relocation project, upon which some of the plan was dependent.

Since the original plan was released, the official end-of-September 2024 enrolment count school boards are required to submit to the province and modified projections for the area revealed slower growth than anticipated and reduced pressures at some schools. In digging deeper into the data, some smaller-than-ideal class sizes also became evident.

In consideration of this new data and its impacts, it was prudent to reassess the original redesignation plan for South-Central Calgary communities. In addition to considering the new data and its implications, the assessment:

- focused on achieving the benefits noted in the sidebar,
- sought to minimize disruption as much as possible, while recognizing some students and families will experience change, and
- considered the CBE planning principles.

The assessment determined the original plan could not be adjusted to sufficiently address the issue of smaller-than-ideal class sizes. It also affirmed that status quo is not an option for the long term, while also indicating implementation could be phased in.

Based on this assessment, a new plan has been developed for implementation in the 2025-26 school year. This plan is contingent on relocation of CBE Home Education to Bel-Aire School, which will be decided by the CBE Board of Trustees. We plan to confirm 2025-26 student designations with affected families in late February 2025. Changes will be implemented for the 2025-26 school year.

The new plan involves changing the regular-program grade configuration at Elboya School to Grades 4-9 in the 2025-26 school year and Grades 5-9 for 2026-27 and beyond. The plan also redesignates some communities in south-central Calgary. Overall, the new plan:

- Offers the flexibility for impacted regular-program students in Grades 4 and above and K-9 French Immersion students to remain at their current school if they choose.
- Creates less disruption overall, with fewer than half the number of students impacted as compared with the original plan.
- Keep students from the majority of communities currently attending Elboya together.
- Capitalizes on the proximity of Elboya and Windsor Park schools, which are only 1.1 km from each other.
- Buses fewer students out of the communities.

Full plan details are shared on page 2 of this document.

Learn More

You can find enrolment projections, maps, transportation and other details in the new project [StoryMap](#).

The plan balances enrolment at schools in south-central Calgary, benefitting staff, students, families and schools. Specifically, this plan:



Supports student success



Opens K-6 spaces in the area



Balances enrolment – provides a more equitable learning experience for students at all affected schools

Moving CBE Home Education

CBE Home Education currently operates out of Windsor Park School. CBE Administration is putting forward a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that CBE Home Education be relocated to Bel-Aire School to re-open Windsor Park School to community students. The recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in December 2024 and the final decision is expected to be made by the Board of Trustees by February 2025, in alignment with [GC-3E \(2\): Closure of Schools Procedure](#). The plan outlined below is contingent upon the relocation of CBE Home Education to Bel-Aire School. If the Board of Trustees decides not to relocate CBE Home Education from Windsor Park to Bel-Aire School, a new redesignation plan would need to be created. In this case, no redesignations would take place for the 2025-26 school year, and students at Elboya School and Rideau Park School would continue to be overflowed to Chinook Park and Woodman Schools.

SSAP Redesignation Plan for Schools in South-Central Calgary

Communities & Programs	Current	Redesignation Plan	Details & Rationale
K-4 regular-program students living in Britannia, Elboya, Manchester, Parkhill and Windsor Park (155)	Elboya School	Windsor Park School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ K-3 in 2025-26 ▪ K-4 in 2026-27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elboya and Windsor Park schools are in close proximity, approximately 1.1 km apart. Many students are within the walk zone for both schools. Those who are outside the walk zone are eligible for busing. ▪ Relieves pressure on Elboya School, enabling the removal of the current regular-program enrolment cap and providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend. ▪ The communities will grow together at Windsor Park School and then Elboya School.
Grade 7-9 regular-program students living in Inglewood (10)	Rideau Park School	Elboya School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students currently attending Rideau Park School can choose to remain at Rideau Park School or move to Elboya School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With other community redesignations happening at the same time, Elboya School has space to accommodate students. Elboya School is projected to be at around 85 per cent utilization, and Rideau Park School at around 100 per cent utilization. ▪ Students live outside the walk zone for both schools. Busing times are expected to remain similar. ▪ Move contributes to the goal of removing cap and overflow at Rideau Park and provides students and families with certainty about the school they will attend for Grade 7.
K-6 regular-program students living in Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park (25)	Elboya School	Chinook Park School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grade 4-6 students currently attending Elboya School can choose to remain at Elboya School or move to Chinook Park School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These communities are furthest from Elboya School and closest to Chinook Park School. ▪ Regular and French Immersion program students will attend the same elementary school. ▪ Yellow school busing will be provided with similar travel times to current times. ▪ No cap and overflow at Chinook Park School, providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend.
Grade 7-9 regular-program students living in Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park (4)	Elboya School	Woodman School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students currently attending Elboya School can choose to remain at Elboya School or move to Woodman School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular and French Immersion program students will attend the same junior high school. ▪ Yellow school busing will be provided with a travel time of approximately 10 minutes. ▪ Students join the Henry Wise Wood High School cohort sooner ▪ No cap and overflow at Woodman School, providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend.
K-4 French Immersion students living in Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park (7)	William Reid School	Chinook Park School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students currently attending William Reid School can choose to remain at William Reid School or move to Chinook Park School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These communities are further from William Reid School than most designated communities and closest to Chinook Park School. ▪ Regular and French Immersion program students will attend the same elementary school. ▪ Yellow school busing will be provided with a travel time of approximately 10 minutes. ▪ No cap and overflow at Chinook Park School, providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend.
Grade 5-6 French Immersion students living in Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park (3)	Elboya School	Chinook Park School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students currently attending Elboya School can choose to remain at Elboya School or move to Chinook Park School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These communities are furthest from Elboya School and closest to Chinook Park School. ▪ Regular and French Immersion program students will attend the same elementary school. ▪ Yellow school busing will be provided with similar travel times to current times. ▪ No cap and overflow at Chinook Park School, providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend.
Grade 7-9 French Immersion students living in Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park (2)	Elboya School	Woodman School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students currently attending Elboya School can choose to remain at Elboya School or move to Woodman School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These communities are furthest from Elboya School and closest to Woodman School. ▪ Regular and French Immersion program students will attend the same junior high school. ▪ Yellow school busing will be provided with a travel time of approximately 10 minutes. ▪ No cap and overflow at Chinook Park School, providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend.

(Approximate number of students impacted by redesignation in first year of implementation: 2025-26)