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New School Opening in Saddle Ridge

Re: Information on school designation, grade configuration changes and more

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening a new elementary school in Saddle Ridge in January 2017. The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions between schools. The new Hugh A. Bennett School in Saddle Ridge, along with Saddle Ridge School and Peter Lougheed School, will make it possible to serve all kindergarten-Grade 9 students in the community.

Grade configuration for Hugh A. Bennett School:

School Name	School Year	Grades
Hugh A. Bennett School	2016-2017 & beyond	K-Grade 4

If Hugh A. Bennett School opens in January 2017, where will students attend in the fall?

From September through December 2016, students will temporarily attend Peter Lougheed School.

To make the transition to the new school as easy as possible, we plan to place Saddle Ridge students who are designated to Hugh A. Bennett School in classes together with the teacher(s) who will move with them. Once at the new school, the most significant change for students will be their new surroundings because their classmates, teachers and learning will remain the same.

Will my child attend Hugh A. Bennett School or Saddle Ridge School?

Please see the attached map showing attendance areas within the Saddle Ridge community for both elementary schools. Kindergarten to Grade 4 students living within the boundary for the new Hugh A. Bennett School will attend that school beginning the 2016-2017 school year.

How do I register my child?

Eligible students who are currently attending Saddle Ridge School will automatically be transferred to Hugh A. Bennett School beginning the 2016-2017 school year. New kindergarten registrations will continue to be accommodated at Saddle Ridge School.

Currently we are not accepting transfers or registrations for students who are attending other CBE schools or schools operated by other districts. Information on registration for those students will be available May 2. We expect to have enough space in Saddle Ridge, Hugh A. Bennett and Peter Lougheed Schools for all eligible students living in the community.

Who is the new school Principal?

Lisa Nachtigal is the principal of Hugh A. Bennett School. Lisa will start in her new role on April 4, 2016 and will work with parents and students to develop a school opening plan. To learn more about Lisa please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/saddleridge-elementary.aspx>.

Can my child take the school bus?

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Transportation to Peter Lougheed School for kindergarten to Grade 4 Hugh A. Bennett students will be provided to those who live within the Hugh A. Bennett boundary until the school opens. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

For more information regarding the walk zone for Hugh A. Bennett School, please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/saddleridge-elementary.aspx>.

General information regarding transportation services and fees is available on our website at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx> and through your school.

What happens if the new school isn't ready to open in January?

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools. If there is a delay, a contingency plan will be communicated to parents. Our contingency plans will ensure the learning needs of our students are met. We will keep parents and the community informed of any changes to the expected opening date.

This is an exciting time. We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.



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