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Important Changes for Students at Maple Ridge and R.T. Alderman Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As follow up to a notice sent February 2, 2018, the Calgary Board of Education has continued to monitor enrolment in the regular program at both Maple Ridge and R.T. Alderman schools. With the lottery process having now been completed at each school for the Science Program, we have a better understanding of the regular program enrolment expected at the schools for the upcoming school year.

Due to significant decline in enrolment in the regular program at both schools, there will be a change in designation for the regular program for students living in the Maple Ridge and Willow Park communities. All kindergarten to Grade 9 students will be designated to Acadia and David Thompson schools for 2018-19, with the exception of Grade 9 students at R.T. Alderman School. There are sufficient numbers to run a Grade 9 class in the regular program for the 2018-2019 school year at R.T. Alderman School.

Regular program school designations for students living in Maple Ridge and Willow Park will now be as follows:

School Year	School Name	Grades
2018-19	Acadia David Thompson R.T. Alderman	K-Grade 6 Grade 7 – Grade 8 Grade 9
2019-2020	Acadia David Thompson	K-Grade 6 Grade 7 – Grade 9

Can my child transfer to the Science Program at Maple Ridge or R.T. Alderman schools?

Yes, there will be space available for your child in the Science Program at their respective schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Your school principal will be in contact with you on how to make the transfer to the Science Program.

Will students need to register at the new school location?

Students moving with the program to Acadia and David Thompson Schools do not need to apply for a transfer or re-register. Program enrolment automatically moves with the student. If a student wishes to transfer to the Science Program, they will need to let their current schools know.

How will students get to school?

School walk zones and attendance areas can be found using the CBE’s Find a School tool. Students who are attending their designated school and who live beyond the walk

zone are eligible for transportation services. Visit [Busing & Transportation](#) for more information.

What support will families and students receive during the transition?

All four schools involved in this transition will be working closely together to provide smooth transitions for families. Each school will provide support in transitioning students, such as hosting an information session, offering a school tour or other means of communication. Your school will advise of these opportunities once they are determined.

When a student with complex learning needs moves from one school to another, the supports required to fulfill the IPP requirements move with them. Teachers and staff at the former and new school collaborate to ensure the student's needs are met.

If you want to learn more about these changes and what they mean for your family, you are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 PM at RT Alderman School located at 725 Mapleton Dr SE. The principals of Maple Ridge, RT Alderman, Acadia and David Thompson Schools as well as the Area 5 director and staff from the CBE Planning & Transportation department will be at the meeting to provide information and answer questions.

We understand that this is a significant change for some families. We are committed to working closely with you throughout this transition. You can call the Area 5 office at 403-777-8412 (extension 0) if you have questions.



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