



April 5, 2018

## Important Changes for Students at Wildwood School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After reviewing and considering the input and feedback gathered through [a thorough community engagement process](#) this school year, the Calgary Board of Education has decided to make the following changes to the student population at Wildwood School:

- K-4 students living in the community of Cougar Ridge designated to West Springs School
- Wildwood School becomes the designated overflow school for Cougar Ridge students unable to attend West Springs School should a lottery occur

This means that starting in September 2018, the student population will include:

- Regular Program Home Area K-6
- K-4 Cougar Ridge overflow students, if a lottery is needed

This decision was made to address the fact that enrolment decline at West Springs School provides the opportunity for some K-4 Cougar Ridge students to attend school closer to home. More information about what we heard from the community and how this plan responds to that feedback is available in the attached [chart](#).

We believe this plan provides the best use of learning space for our students, schools and communities as a whole. The plan aligns with the three key elements considered in the decision-making process: the CBE values, planning principles and the input and feedback gathered from affected school communities.

Thank you to everyone who participated at in-person sessions and through online surveys throughout the engagement process. Your thoughtful contributions have made a meaningful difference in decision-making.

### We live in Cougar Ridge. Can my child stay at the school?

Regular program Cougar Ridge students may register as out-of-boundary students and families will be responsible for their own transportation to and from school.

### When do I have to decide which school my child will attend?

Cougar Ridge families who decide to remain at Wildwood School must notify the school by April 16, 2018.

### Will students from Cougar Ridge need to register at West Springs School?

Current K-3 students living in Cougar Ridge and attending Wildwood School will automatically be designated to West Springs School unless Wildwood School is notified otherwise (see above).

### Will my child be subject to a lottery at West Springs School?

Current K-3 students living in Cougar Ridge and attending Wildwood School will not be subject to a lottery (these students will be in Grades 1-4 in 2018-19).

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**The student population will decrease. What will happen to the school?**

Student enrolment is projected to range from 330-355 students over the next five years. The capacity of the school is 550. Enrolment will be monitored and further discussions may be required. You will have an opportunity to participate in discussions about next steps prior to decisions being made.

**How will students get to school?**

School walk zones and attendance areas can be found using the CBE’s [Find a School](#) tool. Students are eligible for yellow school bus transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Bus routes and stops will be based on registrations and the service model in place at the time of registration for bus eligible students attending the school. These will be posted on the CBE website [under Busing & Transportation](#).

**Why is bus service being discontinued for Cougar Ridge students currently at Wildwood School?**

If there is no need for overflow to Wildwood School, busing from Cougar Ridge to Wildwood School will be discontinued June 30, 2018, a decision that was shared with parents in a June 2017 letter. Providing busing until June 30, 2018 fulfills our commitment to provide transportation services to Cougar Ridge students who were attending Wildwood School when the community of Cougar Ridge was re-designated to Rosscarrock School for K-4. The students who were in kindergarten at the time of the designation change are now in Grade 4 and will be moving to West Ridge School for the 2018-19 school year.

**What support will families and students receive during the transition?**

Each school may provide support in different ways. Your school will communicate information in the coming months.

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 will collaborate to ensure the student’s needs are met.

**What if I have more questions?**

We have posted a [question and answer document](#) and other information on our website. If you have a question that is not answered here or on our website, contact the school’s principal, Darren Toews, at 403-777-8430 or [Wildwood@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:Wildwood@cbe.ab.ca).

We look forward to working with staff, students and parents to help make a smooth transition.

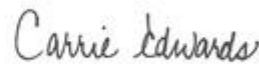
Sincerely,



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## Proposed Plan: Regular Program Home Area K-6

K-4 Cougar Ridge students move to West Springs School; Wildwood School becomes designated overflow school for West Springs School

Current:	Key factors and what we heard	Response related to key factors and what we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Regular program K-6</li> <li>LEAD Grades 4-6</li> <li>SKILL I &amp; II Grades 1-6</li> <li>■ Enrolment: 370</li> <li>■ Available instructional space: 550</li> </ul>	<p>Allow students to attend school close to home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ K-4 Cougar Ridge students move to West Springs School.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Issue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cougar Ridge community has expressed an interest in K-4 students attending school closer to home</li> </ul>	<p>Minimize disruption for students by allowing Cougar Ridge students to finish Grade 4 with transportation services provided</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If overflow from West Springs School is required, busing for K-4 Cougar Ridge students will be provided.</li> <li>■ If overflow is not required, busing will be discontinued June 30, 2018. Providing busing until June 30, 2018 fulfills our commitment to provide transportation services to Cougar Ridge students who were attending Wildwood School when the community of Cougar Ridge was redesignated to Rosscarrock School for K-4.</li> </ul>
	<p>Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wildwood School will be the designated overflow school for K-4 Cougar Ridge students unable to attend West Springs School.</li> <li>■ Enrolment will be monitored and further discussions may be required.</li> </ul>