



November 15, 2019

Interim Re-designation Notice for Ernest Manning High School for School Years 2020-21 & 2021-22

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ernest Manning High School is at capacity, with current enrolment at just under 2000 students. The school has organized the current learning environment to ensure student success. We anticipate that over the next two years, school enrolment will increase by an additional 150 students each year. At that size, it would be challenging for the school to provide optimal learning opportunities for students.

Though the CBE is currently in the process of engaging with stakeholders to balance high school enrolment across the entire system, this issue requires a short-term solution be implemented *before* the decision is made through the current high school engagement process (October 2021, implemented in September 2022).

After reviewing the demographics and projected enrolment for the communities currently designated to Ernest Manning High School, a decision has been made to re-designate the following communities to Central Memorial High School for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years:

- Coach Hill
- Cougar Ridge
- Discovery Ridge
- Glenbrook
- Glendale
- Killarney/Glengarry
- Patterson
- Richmond
- Rosscarrock
- Shaganappi
- Spruce Cliff
- Westgate
- Wildwood

This means that students living in these communities who would be in Grade 10 for the 2020-21 school year, as well as students in Grade 11 or 12 moving into these communities, will attend Central Memorial High School. Students who live in these communities who are currently attending Ernest Manning High School will be able to remain at Ernest Manning High School.

Families with students currently enrolled in Grades 8 and 9 are invited to attend the following information meeting:

Griffith Woods School: November 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- For students currently attending Griffith Woods and A.E. Cross Schools
[Click here to register](#)

West Ridge School: November 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- For students currently attending West Ridge and Vincent Massey Schools
[Click here to register](#)

This is an information meeting where you will be able to ask questions about this decision to address enrolment pressures at Ernest Manning High School over the next two years as well as learn more about Central Memorial High School.

Who does this decision impact?

Families living in the communities of Coach Hill, Cougar Ridge, Discovery Ridge, Glenbrook, Glendale, Killarney/Glengarry, Patterson, Richmond, Rosscarrock, Shaganappi, Spruce Cliff, Westgate and Wildwood with students currently enrolled in Grades 8 and 9.

This is a decision for a two-year period only.

Long-term decisions for Ernest Manning High School and Central Memorial High School will be made by October 2021 through the high school engagement process, which is currently underway. Changes that result from this process will be implemented starting in September 2022.

Can my child attend Ernest Manning High School if they have a sibling attending that school?

A student who is a resident of these communities and has a sibling already attending Ernest Manning who will *still* be attending the school in the 2020 school year, will have the option of attending Ernest Manning or Central Memorial. If they choose to attend Ernest Manning, the new student and sibling must be enrolled and attending the high school at the same time/concurrently.

Will students from these newly designated communities change schools after a decision in 2021?

Any students who are designated to Central Memorial for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years can remain at the school, even if the communities are not designated to Central Memorial High School in the high school



engagement decision expected October 2021 for implementation in September 2022. We are making every effort to minimize disruptions for our students and families while providing strong learning opportunities for students at both schools in making this decision.

What factors were considered in making the decision to re-designate these communities?

Throughout the high school engagement sessions this fall, we heard feedback on what factors should be taken into consideration in the event that an interim plan would be required, knowing the school would exceed capacity before a system-wide decision is made. Feedback indicated a desire for equitable access for students to quality learning environments and choice of programs as well as allowing students to attend school as close to home as possible.

We took both the projected enrolment and the proximity to the school into consideration when considering which communities to designate to Central Memorial High School. Combined, these two factors informed the decision to re-designate these communities. Student enrolment that is above or well below a school's capacity affects access, flexibility and choice for students in programming and extracurricular activities including athletics and clubs for students.

Will transportation be provided for students attending Central Memorial High School?

If high school students are traveling to and from school by bus, they use Calgary Transit. Decisions about dedicated routes to high schools are made by Calgary Transit and are dependent on their available resources. An express route through these communities to Central Memorial exists currently. We will continue to work collaboratively with Calgary Transit to apprise them of increased ridership from these communities into the future.

How can I learn more?

To learn more or have your questions answered, please attend the parent meeting. For more information about the high school engagement process and how long-term decisions for high schools will be made, please visit:

cbe.ab.ca/highschoolengagement

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