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ملاحظة هامة: الرجاء ترجمة هذه المعلومات. November 28, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is scheduled to open a second elementary school for the communities of Coventry Hills/Country Hills Village during the 2020-21 school year. The opening of Northern Lights School will have an impact on grade configurations and attendance areas of the existing schools in the communities.

After careful review and consideration of the feedback collected at the open house in September and the online survey opportunity in October (click here to read the survey report), a decision has been made to move forward with "Option A:"

- new school attendance area for Northern Lights and Coventry Hills schools (see map)
- K-4 regular program grade configuration at both elementary schools for 2020-21 school year
- K-5 grade re-configuration at both elementary schools for 2021-22 school year and beyond

This decision considers the feedback we heard:

- keep students attending school as close to home as possible
- balance enrolment between the three schools
- provide students with access to quality learning environments.

We believe this is a sustainable plan that provides strong learning opportunities for students while balancing enrolment across schools within the Coventry Hills/Country Hills communities for K-9.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the in-person session and online survey. Your thoughtful contributions have made a meaningful difference in our decision-making.

## Who will be impacted by these changes?

K-3 students living in the new boundary for Northern Lights School (see map):

The following exceptions apply:

- Students living in Covehaven section of Coventry Hills AND who are in the current walk zone for Coventry Hills School are able to remain at Coventry Hills School (can walk currently to school but would be bused with new boundary). This is in response to the feedback we received.
- Students living in Covehaven section of Coventry Hills AND who are outside the current walk zone for Coventry Hills School are expected to move to Northern Lights School (bused already, now busing to new school)

Students attending North Haven School:

K-3 students living in Harvest Hills attending North Haven School who choose not to move to Northern Lights School can remain at the school as out of attendance area students. Transportation service will not be provided starting in September 2020. If you chose to remain at North Haven School, please contact the principal, otherwise your student will be transferred to Northern Lights School through this process.

### Will students need to register at the new school location?

There is no need to register. Students who are re-designated will automatically be designated to their new school.

New kindergarten students will need to register for their new school. Registrations for kindergarten at Northern Lights School will be collected at Coventry Hills School. Kindergarten registration begins on Jan. 20, 2020.

## How will students get to school?

Yellow school bus service is available to students who live outside the walk zone. Information about registration for <u>transportation services</u> can be found on our website.

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

Each school may provide support in different ways, such as hosting an information session, offering a school tour or other means of communication. Your school will provide information regarding these opportunities once they are determined.

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

We do anticipate that all newly designated students will move, however, we do recognize that there can be unique learning circumstances that require a conversation between the families, principal and Education Director for the school.

# What about bell times, school calendars, transfer of resources and fundraising dollars, and other decisions?

School administration will communicate any potential changes with parents, students and staff throughout the implementation process. Any changes will balance the best interest for the school community and CBE. The CBE Administrative Regulations and other requirements and efficiencies will also be considered in these decisions. Check your school website and newsletter regularly for updates.

#### What if I have more questions?

If you have a question that is not answered here or on our <u>website</u>, contact the school's principal. If you still have questions, please contact the Area 3 office at Area3@cbe.ab.ca or 403-777-6820.

Sincerely,

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Director, Property, Planning & Transportation