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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last year we sent you a letter that Nickle School was included in the CBE's Three Year System Student Accommodation Plan (SSAP) due to low student enrolment. The enrolment numbers at Nickle School were affected by the opening of a new school in a nearby community, which resulted in a large group of students moving to the middle school in their home community.

Nickle School was included on the short-term list on the 2022-25 SSAP because it was initially identified that changes needed to be implemented in the next 18 months. We are continuing to monitor the situation at Nickle School and exploring solutions to make use of the excess space. For example, this fall/winter we will see the removal of Nickle's modular classrooms that are no longer required. This project will now be listed in the long term/monitoring category of the 2023-26 SSAP. Nickle School, like all low enrolment schools, will continue be considered as part of solving accommodation challenges throughout the school system.

When can we expect to hear more?

We understand how important it is for you to stay informed about any changes that may affect your child's education. If there is an opportunity to address low enrolment numbers, we will inform your school community once a decision is made. We will notify you through email whenever there are any updates regarding the school. You can also find information about any changes on the How-to-Register page on Nickle School's website.

How can I learn more about the SSAP and how the CBE manages space for students?

Visit cbe.ab.ca/ssap. If that information does not answer your questions, please email accommodation@cbe.ab.ca.

What if I have other questions specific to my school?

Please contact your principal if you have questions about your child or Nickle School.

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