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# Notice Regarding Overflow Designation for New Grade 10 to Grade 12 Regular Program Students Attending Western Canada High School

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Western Canada High School is projected to be over capacity for the 2023-24 school year. The school will not be able to accommodate all new students who live within the designated school boundary. As a result, we must introduce a short-term solution to manage enrolment pressures. We will be implementing a cap on enrolment at Western Canada High School and designate an overflow school for new, regular program students in Grades 10 to 12.

Effective immediately, new regular program registrations that cannot be accommodated at Western Canada High School for the 2023-24 school year will be overflowed to:

 Crescent Heights High School - located at 1019 1st Street NW Calgary, AB, T2M 2S2

Regular program students who are overflowed to Crescent Heights High School will be placed on a call-back list. If space becomes available, they will be given an opportunity to transfer back to Western Canada High School.

Registrations for the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme are closed for the 2023-24 school year. All students already accepted to the IB programme at Western Canada High School will attend the school.

## No Changes for Current Students at Western Canada High School

Current students, incoming Grade 10 students who attended CBE in Grade 9 and are designated to Western Canada High School, and students whose registrations have already been accepted will remain at Western Canada High School for the 2023-24 school year, provided they do not move out of the school boundary.

#### Why is this change happening?

Over the course of the 2022-23 school year, there have been continuous registrations for Western Canada High School at a rate higher than what is normally seen at the school. For this reason, changes must be put in place to ensure the safety of all students and staff and manage enrolment at Western Canada High School for the 2023-24 school year.

This is a temporary measure to ensure all students have a place to attend school for the 2023-24 school year. Establishing an overflow will balance enrolment between Western Canada High School and Crescent Heights High School for 2023-24 and will help keep students at schools that are as close to home as possible while a long-term decision is made. Affected communities will be notified if there are any further required changes in the fall of 2023.

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#### What is a call-back list?

If space becomes available in Western Canada High School during the school year, that space will be offered to students on the call-back list who are currently attending their designated overflow school, Crescent Heights High School.

Students remain on the call-back list while they attend the designated overflow school. Students will be removed from the call-back list if they move out of the Western Canada High School boundary or transfer from their designated overflow school.

Any new registrations received for the 2023-24 school year will be added to the callback list based on priority designation and the date and time of their registration.

### How do I register for the 2023-24 school year?

Any **new regular program** registrations after the date of this notice from students living in the Western Canada High School boundary must still register for Western Canada High School through SchoolEngage. Once these registrations have been received, the school will determine if there is space and resources available at Western Canada High School. If the student cannot be accommodated, student information is transferred to their new overflow designation, Crescent Heights High School. The student will be added to the call-back list based on priority.

Western Canada High School's office is closed for the summer and will re-open on Aug. 28. New registrations will not be completed until late August. If you are registering a new student, you can expect a response to your registration at that time. For more information on how to register, please visit our website.

#### Transportation for students attending the designated overflow schools

High school students are assigned to <u>Calgary Transit</u> as their mode of transportation. Routes can be accessed through the "Plan a Trip" tool. While CBE works collaboratively with Calgary Transit, decisions on service levels are made by Calgary Transit based on available space and resources.

## Will there be any changes to the French Immersion Program?

Currently, there are no changes to the French Immersion program. Although limited, some spaces exist in the French Immersion program. We are continuing to monitor the enrolment numbers in the program closely.

#### What if I have questions?

If you still have questions or require additional information, please contact the Area 7 office at <a href="mailto:Area7@cbe.ab.ca">Area7@cbe.ab.ca</a> or 403-777-8750 (extension 0) or <a href="mailto:Area3@cbe.ab.ca">Area3@cbe.ab.ca</a> or 403-777-6820 (extension 0). Please note that the Area 7 and Area 3 offices are closed until mid-August but will be periodically monitoring and responding to messages.

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