

The Future of CBE High Schools - Engagement Process Overview

What is the decision to be made?

By October 2021, the CBE will communicate a sustainable system-wide plan for high schools that continues to offer students access, flexibility and choice in programming given available space and resources.

Why does this decision need to be made?

Within the next five years, 10 high schools will be operating at 100 – 150 per cent of their capacity, while seven will be operating at 50 – 85 per cent. Only three schools will be operating in the capacity range that best supports student learning, which is 85 to 100 per cent.

Having too many or too few students in a school impacts student access, flexibility and choice in terms of programming, option courses and extracurricular activities.

Who will be involved?

The sustainable system-wide plan for high schools will be developed through consultation with affected students, staff, parents and community members, with full implementation of the plan beginning in 2022-23.

Final decisions will be made by CBE Superintendents' Team.

What can I influence?

Location and designated communities for existing programs, including the regular program.

Expansion and contraction of some programs (alternative, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate Career)

Grade configurations

Implementation (timing and considerations)

When is this happening?

The engagement will launch May 2019 with a decision to be communicated by October 2021.

With 82 junior high/middle and high schools involved in this engagement, this is the largest community engagement initiative ever undertaken by the CBE. The number of participants, complexity of aspects to be considered and limited resources requires a longer timeline than is typical.