



# dialogue)))

## Louise Dean Centre Future Plans Discussion Survey Comments | Feb. 22 – March 24, 2019

Below you will find all comments as they were written. Opinions are the writers' own and content has not been vetted for accuracy. Comments have not been edited for spelling, grammar, sentence structure or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.

### 1. What are the opportunities of relocating the program?

#### ▪ Facility / Infrastructure

- New facility
- Newer infrastructure
- Healthier
- More efficient
- Better building
- updated
- Adapt the new location to fit the needs of the students and their children.
- Potentially more suitable building moving forward without having to complete major renovations / modernization
- Better suited to the situation
- Newer facility
- Newer building
- New fresh school
- Adapt the new location to fit the needs of the students and their children
- Bigger daycares
- Integration of partner agencies' staff

#### ▪ Space

- More space
- More space
- Increased space for students and staff
- Enhanced child care spaces would be an asset.
- Some staff are in portables which is not ideal



# dialogue)))

- Better student and staff working spaces
- LDC needs MUCH more space to accommodate its wraparound programming
- More room for staff
- Better spaces
- Bigger spaces
- **Programming**
  - To have more opportunities to do more than Louise dean now offers such as welding, and other programs
  - More opportunities for CTS classes
  - Have a lot more courses that students can take
  - To learn more and have access in every resources we have
- **Transportation**
  - Easier to commute
  - More accessible by transit
- **Location**
  - Easier for people to get to compared to now when for some students it takes 2 hrs
- **Additional opportunities**
  - Change
  - There aren't really any opportunities we don't already have
  - Increased enrolment

## 2. What are the challenges of relocating the program?

- **Location**
  - Girls who live by far North and traveling/commuting to south.
  - Location. Current location is very centralized, and the program is accepted by the community.
  - Location not central
  - Not as accessible or central.
  - Not centrally located
  - It is located quite centrally



# dialogue)))

- The location is not as central
- It is no longer in a somewhat central location for students to access, most of which use transit
- Louise Dean is known well in its history and current location
- ITS NOT CENTRAL!! It's easier getting to Louise dean now and will be to hard making it all the way to heritage pregnant or with babies it's not convenient at all!! There are also people who have drama with kids from near by schools so bringing our kids and even ourselves to a place near so much drama is to risky and dangerous!! We want to feel safe not in danger
- Longer transit route for some.
- It is located quite centrally
- High school is hard and having a child on top of that makes it even harder. If Louise Dean were to move locations away from the central part of Calgary it would cut off any convient transportation routes for girls coming from everywhere but the designated location. Basically it's only convient for people in the south part of Calgary. Not only would the transportation routes be more difficult to accesss, if a teen from a high school near by had ongoing issues with another student she will have no oppourtunities to move away from the situation causing only more stress for mom & baby!!
- Location is a big part . Where Louise Dean is located , it is right in The core which makes it an easier trip for all the girls . The location of Louise Dean is perfect. The building has so many meanings and memories it would be very sad to see this program relocate, I feel like we should try to keep this piece of history alive and renovate
- The location and to close to the heritage train station
- **Stigma**
  - The judgement from schools next to new location
  - I think safety would be my biggest concern. Right now Louise dean is located in such a quiet spot in Calgary and I would be worried for future students and there babies when other high schools would have unsafe situations go on as we would be so close (drugs, fighting, alcohol) safety should be the main priority. And if that means putting more money into our current school then that should be what we do !



# dialogue)))

- Subjecting the girls to increased judgement by other teens by having the centre located by another high school, more challenging to get to for many in the city.
- **Transportation**
  - Transportation
  - Transportation is a barrier for students and must be of paramount consideration
- **Additional challenges**
  - Change is hard for youth
  - Huge logistics involved
  - Huge logistics involved
  - The fact that is is a change. Moving, new location, commuting, disruption of services schooling to move facilities.
  - Change impacts all
  - Childcare implications. Lots of needs for the unique childcare program and feeling these need to be addressed.
  - I see none

### 3. What are the opportunities of keeping the program at its current location?

- **Location**
  - Basically at the center of the city so easy for transit for all students.
  - Everything. This location is home to very many women
  - The school is situated in the inner city and not close to any other high schools
  - Central location with excellent transit a block away
  - Location. It's central and we're connected in the community.
  - Location
  - On 1 Bus route
  - I feel that only location is beneficial
  - ITS CENTRAL! ITS EASIER PLAIN AND SIMPLE
  - It's a good spot for any parts of the city
  - It's pretty central
  - Location. Current location is very centralized, and the program is accepted by the community



# dialogue)))

- Central location. I live in a community many of these women live in and traversing across the city would be an issue. Moving more so.
  - Close to hospitals and clinics and transit
  - Louise Dean has an amazing location, it's close to everything I need as a student and a mom. Daycare a few blocks down, foothills aquatic center 5 min drive we have a safe playground for our children to play in, coming from ne or nw only have to take bus 1 which not many other high school students take making it effortless and preventing some conflict from happening. For some Louise Dean is home, as a student I do not care about quantity I care about quality and the staff here at Louise Dean is amazing, moving the school will not only jeprodise our time getting there and back but it will also cut off your time that you spend with your family. The current location is perfect.
  - Girls know where the school will always be even after they graduate
  - Students past & present know that this place is here and available to them.
- **Additional opportunities**
    - Stability familiarity comfort level
    - Girls know how to get there, plus big change can often trigger anxiety. Many students already suffer from this.
    - It seems that major capital investment would be required.
    - Daycare
    - Teachers are comfortable where they are
    - Youth and staff are comfy here. It's a nice small school with great options classrooms.
    - Size
    - More class opportunities – type – day & night
- 4. What are the challenges of keeping the program at its current location?**
- **Facility / Infrastructure**
    - Not being able to update work needed on the building.
    - Needs some fixing up
    - Not being able to update work needed on the building



# dialogue)))

- Maintenance, upkeep, modernization
- Investment for a small population
- Investments in older facility updates
- Money to fix up the building
- The old building
- The building needs work, it's really old and a bit too small.
- Aging building
- Old building
- Some client accessibility and safety issues
- It would be difficult to retrofit the building for advance technology needs for programming.
- Old inefficient unhealthy building in need of upgrading
- Old building
- The amount of money we have to repair the school.
- Pipes
- Aging
- **Space**
  - Lack of space
  - With many wraparound services, there is not enough space at the site for all programming
  - Its too small
  - The lack of space
  - Not enough space
  - Of enough room for expansion
- **Location**
  - It takes students a lot longer then a few of the students to get to school because they come from south side area.
  - No problems with the location AT ALL
  - If we were to move anyone with a 30min-1 hour commute would be looking at a 2-3 hour commute, and I know some teachers are farther out of the city that need to be able to get to school as well because ya students have loved there supports and how they teach us



# dialogue)))

- **Transportation**
  - Bus/traveling/commuting
  - Transportation is key
- **Additional challenges**
  - There isn't any
  - There are no challenges

## 5. Additional questions and/or comments

- What will happen to the current building if the school is relocated?
- How would the CBE make use of the Louise Dean asset if the program moved?
- A location more central in the city would be better or maintain the current building.
- I think single dads should be allowed to attend So that they can experience "normal highschool" like we are. And I believe every mother should be drug tested before attending.
- Accessibility is vital.
- I am supportive of a change in location and regarding the Principal's/team's selection
- LDC needs to be close to the C-Train.
- Would like opportunity to see proposed site.
- What will happen to the current building if the school is relocated??
- **Location**
  - Please don't relocate
  - Students rely on public transit, from 4 corners of the city, often with a stroller, sometimes in bad weather. Any future plan needs to take this into account
  - I will be graduating next year so the move may not affect me but for future students attending Louise Dean I find it is best to keep the school where it is and use the money repairing Louise Dean. I've had previous family members attend in the same building, when you first walk in the door you can see all of the previous successful graduates, that's got to say something please don't move the location I will never be able to show my baby the place I went to school!!!! :(



# *dialogue*)))

- I don't think it's a good idea to move the school. Things have worked out so far so why would you wanna change and possibly make the program a disadvantage to many students in the North
- **Stigma**
  - I find as a student at Louise dean we are picked on a lot for being teen moms as we have to get off at heritage train station to get to school we will definitely be picked on from high school students even the other school that students also get off at heritage