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# Shaping the Future of CBE High Schools

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## Your feedback will help us make better decisions

We want to hear from you. This January, when we gather feedback on scenarios to balance enrolment in our high schools, it is important that we hear from as many staff, parents, students and community members as possible. You may not be used to sharing your feedback with a school board, but it really is essential. Your feedback will help us make the best decisions for all our students.

Last fall, over 1,200 people came to an in-person session to share their thoughts on balancing enrolment at CBE high schools. Close to 2,100 people also shared feedback using online surveys.

We hope you will participate in the engagement opportunities we offer this January.

**Check this out!** Enjoy this short video available in [twelve languages](#) that explains how important your opinions are, and how much we value your participation. Spread the word!



## We have developed two scenarios to balance enrolment

In a year unlike any we have experienced, we recognize and respect the challenges and uncertainties you have faced in the first few months of school. Teaching and learning are, and will always be, the priority for everyone at the CBE. We also know work must continue on other important projects that will support student learning for years to come.

High school engagement is one of these projects, and we have continued to work toward communicating a decision by fall 2021, and implementing changes in September 2022.

We have developed two scenarios to balance enrolment at 20 CBE high schools. The scenarios take into account the feedback we gathered during last fall's engagement opportunities along with our planning principles, fiscal reality, legislated mandates and other factors. Visit our [website](#) to review the information we shared with you and the feedback you shared with us last fall.

The next step is gathering your feedback on the scenarios we have developed.

**Get involved. Share your feedback with us in January 2021.**



Last spring, we indicated to CBE families that the next phase of active engagement - gathering feedback on scenarios - would launch this fall. This phase will now launch in January with

engagement opportunities that are entirely virtual and online.

We will offer online surveys, discussion forums and virtual sessions for you to share your feedback on the two scenarios to balance high school enrolment. We will also share a great deal of information about the scenarios on our website, through video and using other digital means to make sure you have the details you need to participate in a meaningful way.

As we finalize the dates, times and details of the upcoming engagement opportunities, we will share the information on our [website](#). Information will also be shared in upcoming e-newsletters, on Twitter and through other channels.

## High School Engagement Refresher - Why We're Gathering Your Feedback

**cbe.ab.ca**

**Balanced utilization = balanced opportunity for all high school students**

- A wide range of courses
- Access to athletics, extracurricular activities and student supports
- School space and movement within the building

**Projected high school utilization\* at a glance**

**Over 140%** 

Dr. E.P. Scarlett  
Ernest Manning  
Joane Cardinal-Schubert  
Nelson Mandela

**100 - 140%** 

Centennial  
Forest Lawn  
James Fowler  
John G. Diefenbaker  
Lester B. Pearson  
Sir Winston Churchill  
Western Canada  
William Aberhart

**85 - 100%** 

Central Memorial  
Crescent Heights  
Henry Wise Wood  
Queen Elizabeth  
Robert Thirsk

**50 - 85%** 

Bowness  
Jack James  
Lord Beaverbrook

**City-wide, uneven growth in high school aged populations over the next 10 years will further increase pressures**

- Greatest growth
- Average growth
- Least growth

### Future Growth in Calgary and at CBE High Schools

Over the next 10 years, only 5 of 20 CBE high schools are projected to be within the balanced utilization range (85-100%) that best supports student learning.

Get involved, share your ideas and help us balance opportunities for all high school students. [cbe.ab.ca/highschoolengagement](http://cbe.ab.ca/highschoolengagement)





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\* School utilization weights student enrolment based on a provincial government formula. See the High School Engagement FAQ for details about how utilization is calculated.

*This infographic shows the projected utilization at CBE high schools in ten years, if we do nothing. The situation shown here is not sustainable; it is important to balance enrolment as much as possible across these 20 high schools. Your feedback has informed the development of two scenarios, and we will be gathering your feedback on the scenarios this January.*

**Thank you for staying involved. Your participation is important and valued.  
Together, we make better decisions for all our students.**

*This message has been sent to families of CBE students currently in Grades 6-10 and people who have subscribed to receive updates on high school engagement. If you know someone who would like to receive these emails but is not, please forward this email and encourage them to [subscribe](#) to receive future email updates.*

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