



重要通知：請閣下找人為你翻譯這篇文章。

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is exploring an expansion of the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program for Grades 5-7 for students living in all of CBE Administrative Area V and students in Area IV who live south of 17 Avenue S.W. This is the same boundary as the Mandarin Bilingual Program K-6 located at Midnapore School. See the Mandarin Bilingual Program [attendance area](#) map.

Harold Panabaker School (schools.cbe.ab.ca/b643/) has been identified for the new south program. If the program does expand, Harold Panabaker School will accommodate Mandarin Bilingual students in Grades 5-7 beginning in the 2017-18 school year and expand to Grade 9 in subsequent years.

To consider expansion of the program, a minimum of 40 students in Grade 5, 40 students in Grade 6 and 20 students in Grade 7 must be registered before March 31, 2017.

Typically, entry points into CBE bilingual programs are kindergarten and Grade 1. Students interested in entering the Mandarin Bilingual Program at later grades (i.e., Grade 5, 6 or 7) must complete and pass a proficiency assessment measuring their language literacy levels in both English and Mandarin.

Visit cbe.ab.ca/dialogue for more information about the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program and its possible expansion. If you are interested in the program, we also encourage you to participate in the following opportunities:

Online survey (closes Feb. 24) - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mandarinV17-18>

Information session at Harold Panabaker School, 23 Sackville Drive. S.W.

- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. – register at cbe.ab.ca/dialogue
- Presentation at 6 p.m., followed by an opportunity to tour the school and speak with CBE staff about the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program.

A summary of results from the online survey and information session will be shared on our website. The decision regarding the possible expansion of the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program will be based on eligible registrations received before March 31, 2017, and will be communicated by April 2017. Contact the Area V Office at 403-777-8780 or areav@cbe.ab.ca if you have any questions or comments about this initiative.

Sincerely,

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