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Redesignation Plan for Schools in South-Central Calgary – Rideau Park School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you we are launching a redesignation plan for schools in south-central Calgary as part of the CBE's ongoing System Student Accommodation Planning. This plan balances enrolment at schools in south-central Calgary to support student success and provide a more equitable learning experience for students at all affected schools. It is driven by three factors:

- Over-utilization at Elboya and Rideau Park schools.
- Under-utilization at Chinook Park and Woodman schools.
- The opening of more than 200 K-6 spaces in the area due to a former charter school returned to the CBE.

What does this mean for students at Rideau Park School?

Students from the communities of Inglewood and Ramsay will be redesignated to Elboya School. The redesignation will be phased in with students entering Grade 9 in the 2025-26 school year able to stay at Rideau Park School. Current high school designations do not change as a result of this redesignation plan.

Students living in the communities of Cliff Bungalow, Mission, Rideau Park, Roxboro, Erlton, Parkhill, Upper Mount Royal, and Elbow Park who are currently designated to Rideau Park School will remain at Rideau Park School.

Future communication with impacted families

Families living in Inglewood and Ramsay will receive letters with more information by November 2024.

Where can I find more information?

This change is part of a complex strategy to balance enrolment across schools and provide equitable access to quality learning environments. Some details of the plan are dependent upon the proposed relocation of CBE Home Education from Windsor Park School to Bel-Aire School, which will be presented to the CBE Board of Trustees in December 2024. If, at that time, the Board approves commencement of the public input process to consider closure for the purpose of relocation, the final decision to relocate the program expected to be made by the Board of Trustees by February 2025, in alignment with GC-3E (2): Closure of Schools Procedure.

We've developed a <u>StoryMap</u> that lays out the details of the plan. Details include the contingency plan in the event CBE Home Education remains at Windsor Park School. You can also visit the project <u>webpage</u> or download the <u>PDF overview</u>.

What if I have more questions?

If you still have questions or require additional information, please contact the Area 7 Office at area7@cbe.ab.ca or 403-777-8750.

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