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Redesignation Plan for Schools in South-Central Calgary – William Reid 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.

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 the commencement of the public input process to consider closure for the purpose of relocation, the final decision to relocate the program is expected to be made by the Board of Trustees by February 2025, in alignment with GC-3E (2): Closure of Schools Procedure.

What does this mean for students at William Reid School?

If the Board of Trustees moves forward with the recommendation to relocate CBE Home Education to Bel-Aire School, all K-4 students from the communities of Windsor Park, Manchester, Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park School will be redesignated to Chinook Park School for Early French Immersion (K-6) starting in the 2025-26 school year. The contingency plan if CBE Home Education remains at Windsor Park School is for these communities to remain at William Reid School, subject to the existing enrolment cap for kindergarten and Grade 1.

Students living in communities designated to William Reid School who are not listed above will remain designated to William Reid School.

Future communication with impacted families

We will provide the following updates to families impacted by redesignations dependent upon the Board decision:

- Oct. 30, 5 6:30: Information session to answer your questions. Please mark your calendars; more details will be provided closer to the date.
- Dec 18: Update regarding Board's decision to consider relocation of CBE Home Education
- Late February: Final designation notice based on Board decision regarding relocation



Where can I find more information?

We understand this redesignation plan is complex. 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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