



Nov. 1, 2024

Dear Lois Sime and Members of the Spruce Cliff Community Association,

Chinook Learning Services (Chinook) is coming to your community!

Chinook currently offers in-person high school upgrading courses in classrooms at Lord Beaverbrook, Forest Lawn, and James Fowler High Schools in Calgary. Due to increasing enrolment pressures in these three high schools, a new location was required to house this valuable program. In early 2026, Chinook will consolidate the programming offered at these three locations into the CBE's Spruce Cliff School at 3405 Spruce Dr. SW. The building is currently occupied by Calgary Quest private school and the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) was notified by Calgary Quest that they will vacate the building in the summer of 2025.

About Chinook Learning Services

Chinook helps students complete high school by offering required courses such as mathematics, social studies, biology, chemistry and more that have not been successfully completed in their designated high schools. Students also attend Chinook to increase their competitive averages or upgrade to a higher academic stream. This valuable service has been helping high school students graduate for many years.

Chinook's hours of operations are approximately 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. During the weekday classes are split into morning, afternoon and evening blocks. During these blocks of classes, about 250 part-time learners and staff will use the building to take one or more courses. No classes are running on most Fridays.

Estimated Project Timeline

- **Planning Phase:** Winter 2024 – Spring 2025
- **Construction and School Renovation:** Summer – Winter 2025
- **Program Occupancy:** Early 2026

CBE will gain possession of the Spruce Cliff School building in the summer of 2025. At that time, construction will begin to prepare classrooms, install equipment, and expand the school parking lot. We will continue sharing updates [on the CBE website](#) until Chinook moves into Spruce Cliff School in 2026.

Commitment to Community

The Spruce Cliff community is an important partner in our work, and we want to ensure the move proceeds as seamlessly as possible. We invite members of the Spruce Cliff community to share their thoughts on the potential challenges and opportunities related to this move.

We have launched [a survey](#) for community members to provide feedback. **The survey will be open until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21.** We look forward to working together to make this move successful for students and the community.

Dany Breton

Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services

learning | **as unique** | as every student