



April 5, 2016

## **Students living in Cranston who are currently attending McKenzie Lake School**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

For the past few years, Cranston School has been at capacity and kindergarten to Grade 4 students who could not be accommodated at Cranston School have overflowed to McKenzie Lake School.

In January 2017, a new middle school, Dr. George Stanley, is scheduled to open in Cranston. This new school will accommodate students in Grade 4-8 for the first year and expand to Grade 9 in September 2017. From September 2016 until the new building is ready, students will be temporarily located at R.T. Alderman School.

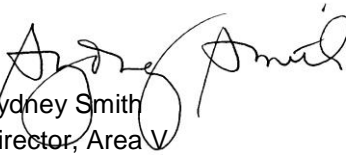
With the opening of this new school, Cranston School will change grade configurations this September and will accommodate kindergarten to Grade 3 students. This change of grade configurations means that there will be space to accommodate all students living in Cranston in schools in the community next year.

The Cranston community continues to grow and new houses are still being built. A second elementary school for the Cranston community is currently the number one priority in the Calgary Board of Education's (CBE) Three Year School Capital Plan 2017-2020. Approval of funding to build this school is required from the province before CBE can begin to design and build this school.

Without a second elementary school in the next few years, Cranston School may be at capacity again and some students may need to once again be directed to McKenzie Lake School. For this reason, Cranston students who are currently attending McKenzie Lake School have the option to transfer to either Cranston School or Dr. George Stanley School for the 2016-17 school year or remain at McKenzie Lake School.

Transportation services for Cranston students in Grades 1-4 next year will continue for the 2016-2017 school year. New kindergarten siblings of students currently registered at McKenzie Lake School are able to register at McKenzie Lake School with the understanding that there will be no mid-day busing from the Cranston community. These new kindergarten students would be able to access transportation either in the morning or at the end of the school day only. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your school or Area V office at 403-777-8780 (extension 0).

  
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