



January 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to remind you that Copperfield and Dr. Martha Cohen Schools are at capacity and are projected to be over capacity for the 2021-22 school year.

As shared in December 2019, the schools will not be able to accommodate all students who live in Copperfield. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the Calgary Board of Education has capped enrolment at Copperfield School and Dr. Martha Cohen School and designated overflow schools for the students in elementary and middle school grades.

Due to space limitation we are unable to accommodate all current Grade 4 students who will be in Grade 5 at Dr. Martha Cohen School in the 2021-2022 school year. A lottery will be held in February 2021 to determine which students will move to Dr. Martha Cohen School. These students will remain in Grade 5 at Copperfield School for the 2021-2022 school year and will move to Dr. George Stanley School for grades 6-9. In the event that space becomes available at Dr. Martha Cohen School, students will be called back as described below.

**The information below was shared with parents in December 2019.**

Effective for the 2020-21 school year, the following changes were implemented:

- Cap enrolment at Copperfield School. New students from Copperfield who cannot be accommodated at Copperfield School will be designated to Sybilla Kiddle School in Cranston.
  - Current students attending Copperfield School can remain.
  - A lottery will be held for new kindergarten students
- Cap enrolment at Dr. Martha Cohen School. New students from Copperfield who cannot be accommodated at Dr. Martha Cohen School will be designated to Dr. George Stanley School in Cranston.
  - Current students attending Dr. Martha Cohen can remain.
  - A lottery will be held for new grade 5 students coming from the community of Copperfield.

Current population projections for the next few years, from the communities of Copperfield and New Brighton, indicate there will be 500 more students than the space available across the three community schools. Therefore, further changes will be necessary at Copperfield and Dr. Martha Cohen Schools to balance K-9 enrolment in the community for the longer term.

- Copperfield School will change to K to Grade 5 in 2022
- Dr. Martha Cohen School will change to Grade 6 to Grade 9 in 2022.

A grade configuration change will allow overflowed students to maintain continuity with their peer group. This means they will continue to be in a cohort of students through a K-9 grade continuum.

School	Year	Grade
Copperfield School	2021-2022	K-4
	2022-2023 and beyond	K-5
Dr. Martha Cohen School	2021-2022	5-9
	2022-2023 and beyond	6-9

Note: When Dr. Martha Cohen School transitions to Grade 6-9 there will be a number of spaces available for students to be called back across all grades. This means students who are overflowed may be called back to Dr. Martha Cohen for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Where will my child attend school next year?**

Current Kindergarten to Grade 3 students attending Copperfield School and current Grade 5 to Grade 8 students attending Dr. Martha Cohen schools will remain at their respective schools.

New Kindergarten students and students currently in Grade 4 entering Grade 5 in 2021-22 will be a part of the CBE lottery process.

Information about the lottery process is available at <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/Lottery-Information-for-Parents.aspx>. If unsuccessful in the lottery process, students will be attending their designated overflow school.

**How do I register for school next year?**

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year began on Jan. 11, 2021. All new registrations will be collected at Copperfield School. Registration is not on a first come first serve basis. Please follow the instructions outlined on the CBE’s website, under Registration.

Current Grade 4 students attending Copperfield School or the designated overflow school, Sibylla Kiddle School, will automatically be included in the lottery for Grade 5 at Dr. Martha Cohen School.

New students in Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-9 will need to submit their registrations to Copperfield School and Dr. Martha Cohen School respectively. To be included in the lottery for Grade 5 at Dr. Martha Cohen, registrations must be received by **noon on Feb. 9, 2021**. Registrations received after the lottery date will be added to the appropriate priority level on the call back list in the order received.

Current Copperfield School Grade 4 students who are unsuccessful in the lottery for a spot at Dr. Martha Cohen School will attend Copperfield School for Gr. 5, then move to their designated overflow school (Dr. George Stanley School) for Gr. 6. In the event

that space becomes available at Dr. Martha Cohen School, students will be called back as described below. Current Copperfield community Grade 4 students attending Sibylla Kiddle School who are unsuccessful in the Grade 5 lottery will remain at Sibylla Kiddle School.

**How does a call back work?**

If space becomes available throughout the school year in Copperfield or Dr. Martha Cohen schools, placement will be offered to students on the call back list who are currently attending the overflow location. The call back list is prioritized based on the draw order established through the lottery process.

**How will students get to school?**

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. This includes students attending the designated overflow school. Busing registration will begin in the spring, then routes will be developed and families will be informed over the summer of the pickup/drop off locations and time. All students accessing subsidized transportation are required to pay transportation fees as approved by the Board of Trustees. Information regarding transportation service levels and fees is available on the CBE website [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca).

**What if I have more questions?**

If you have a question that is not answered here, contact the school’s principal at 403-817-3512. If you still have questions, please contact the Area 5 office at [Area5@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:Area5@cbe.ab.ca) or 403-777-8412.

Sincerely,



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