



January 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to remind you that New Brighton, Copperfield and Dr. Martha Cohen Schools are at capacity and are projected to be over capacity for the 2020-21 school year.

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

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

- Cap enrolment at Dr. Martha Cohen School.
  - Students from New Brighton who are unsuccessful in the lottery process will be designated to Mountain Park School in McKenzie Lake.
  - Students from Copperfield who are unsuccessful in the lottery process will be designated to Dr. George Stanley in Cranston
  - Current students attending Dr. Martha Cohen School can remain.

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 to balance K-9 enrolment in the community for the longer term.

- New Brighton School will change to K to Grade 5 in 2022
- 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
Dr. Martha Cohen School	2020-2021	5-9
	2021-2022	5-9
	2022-2023 and beyond	6-9

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

Current Grade 5 to Grade 8 students attending Dr. Martha Cohen schools will remain at the school. If unsuccessful in the lottery process, students will be attending their designated overflow school

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

Current Grade 4 students attending New Brighton School and Copperfield School or the overflow location of Sibylla Kiddle School and McKenzie Lake School will be included in the lottery for Grade 5 at Dr. Martha Cohen School.

New students in Grades 5-9 will need to submit their registrations to Dr. Martha Cohen School. To be included in the lottery, 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.

If unsuccessful in the lottery, students will automatically be registered at their designated overflow school – Mountain Park (for students living in New Brighton) and Dr. George Stanley (for students living in Copperfield).

Please note that for the 2021-2022 school year students from Copperfield School who are unsuccessful in the Grade 5 lottery will be accommodated at Copperfield School. This is due to an upcoming change in grade configuration at Dr. George Stanley School. This measure is in place for one year until grade configurations align between schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

**How does a call back work?**

If space becomes available in Dr. Martha Cohen School throughout the school year that space 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 in this letter, contact the school's principal at 403-817-3548. 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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