



January 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to remind you that New Brighton 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 New Brighton. Beginning in 2020-21, the Calgary Board of Education has capped enrolment at New Brighton School and Dr. Martha Cohen School and designated overflow schools for the students in elementary and middle school grades.

**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 New Brighton School. Students from New Brighton who cannot be accommodated at New Brighton School will be designated to McKenzie Lake School in McKenzie Lake.
  - Current students attending New Brighton School can remain.
  - A lottery will be held for new kindergarten students
- Cap enrolment at Dr. Martha Cohen School. Students from New Brighton who cannot be accommodated at Dr. Martha Cohen School will be designated to Mountain Park School in McKenzie Lake.
  - Current students attending Dr. Martha Cohen School can remain.
  - A lottery will be held for new grade 5 students coming from the community of New Brighton.

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 schools. Therefore, further changes will be necessary at New Brighton and Dr. Martha Cohen Schools to balance K-9 enrolment in the community for the longer term.

- New Brighton 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 students who are overflowed to the new schools 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
New Brighton 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

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

Current Kindergarten to Grade 3 students attending New Brighton School and current Grade 5 to Grade 8 students attending Dr. Martha Cohen schools will remain at the school.

New Kindergarten students and students currently in Grade 4 entering Grade 5 in 2021-2022 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 registrations for the 2021-22 school year began on Jan. 11, 2021. All new registrations will be collected at New Brighton 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 New Brighton School or the designated overflow school, McKenzie Lake 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 New Brighton School and Dr. Martha Cohen School respectively. 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 (McKenzie Lake or Mountain Park).

**How does a call back work?**

If space becomes available in New Brighton or Dr. Martha Cohen Schools 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 here, please contact the school's principal at 403-817-3516. If you still have questions, please contact the Area 5 office at Area5@cbe.ab.ca or 403-777-8412.

Sincerely,



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