



# Piitoayis Family School at Colonel Walker School

Parent Meeting

October 15, 2015



**Calgary Board  
of Education**

# Agenda

1. Timeline
2. Accommodation Planning
3. Questions

# Inform

Our goal is to *inform* you of accommodation planning decisions affecting Piitoayis Family School :

- We will provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions to accommodation challenges

By *inform*, we mean that

- We will keep you and other identified stakeholders informed.

# Timeline

## **November 6 and 20, 2013**

Initial Stakeholder Meeting

## **January 13, 2014**

Creating the ALC Update

## **January 21, 2014**

Funding Update

## **May 18, 2014**

Design Charrette for ALC

## **June 18, 2014**

Public Open House

## **September 17, 2014**

Public Open House

## **February 25, 2015**

Public Open House

## **March 5, 2015**

Initial parent meeting regarding the future of Piitoayis Family School

## **April 29, 2015**

Parent Meeting to share scenarios

## **May 13, 2015**

Telephone Survey

Conducted by school based staff sharing scenarios and gathering feedback

## **October 15, 2015**

**Parent Meeting to share next steps**

# Issue

- We know that for the 2016-17 school year, current k-GR2 students from Piitoayis Family School have the option to move together to the Aboriginal Learning Centre with a focus on early learning; they may also choose to attend their designated community school
- This means that for the 2016-17 school year, Piitoayis Family School will no longer offer k-GR3
- Enrolment at Piitoayis Family School will decline in 2016 when the Aboriginal Learning Centre opens.

# Impact

With the opening of the Aboriginal Learning Centre and the declining enrolment at Piitoayis Family School CBE administration is moving forward with a report to the Board of Trustees recommending the Consideration of Closure for Piitoayis Family School.

# Decision Making

Any decisions regarding consideration of closure of programs and/or schools will be made by the Board of Trustees.

There will be an opportunity for stakeholders to share their thoughts regarding this decision with the Board of Trustees prior to the decision being made.

# Consideration of Closure Process

## Steps:

1. Board of Trustees
  - Report to the Board of Trustees will be made asking them to consider the closure of Piitoayis Family School.
  - Decision Meeting for Trustees re: Motion to Consider Closure
2. Formal Written Notice to Parents
3. Public Meeting (Tentative: December/January)
4. Report back to Board of Trustees for final decision regarding closure



# Supporting Students

Through stakeholder consultation CBE Administration has heard what parents have identified as needed to support students:

- Opportunities for transition plans based on individual student need.
- Current students at Piitoayis Family School will have an option to move to the new ALC when it opens or return to their designated community school.
- A reverse phase-out will occur and the ALC will transition towards accommodating pre-K to GR3 by September 2018.

# Considerations

- Registration in GR4 and above is closed to new registrations, only those registered at Piitoayis this year are eligible to attend
- A commitment to attending ALC needs to be made in the Spring of 2016 for all current Piitoayis students
- Transportation eligibility and bus stops are determined according to bus registrations submitted

# Share your thoughts

1. [yourvoice@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:yourvoice@cbe.ab.ca) – always available
2. Formal public meeting
3. Stakeholder report at the Board of Trustees meeting
4. Discussions with Ms. Michelle or Ms. Stephanie

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