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## Area IV Accommodation Challenges West Springs and Wildwood Schools

Dear Parents:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) monitors enrolment at all CBE schools. Currently both West Springs and Wildwood Schools are projected to be over capacity for 2014. When looking for possible solutions to these accommodation challenges, three schools in Area IV were identified as having space to accommodate additional students: Glendale School, Jennie Elliott School and Rosscarrock School.

On November 14th, parent representatives from six schools met to learn about the issues and discuss potential solutions. From the working groups at the parent representative meeting, five scenarios were developed.

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| Scenario 1 | <b>West Springs School:</b> Change grade configuration to K-4 and designate GR 5-6 students to Rosscarrock School.<br><b>Wildwood School:</b> Re-designate Aspen Woods (West of 85 <sup>th</sup> Street) to Jennie Elliott School and re-designate Olympic Heights overflow to Glendale School. |
| Scenario 2 | <b>West Springs School:</b> Remain K-6 and Cap enrolment. Overflow K-6 students to Rosscarrock School.<br><b>Wildwood School:</b> Re-designate Cougar Ridge students to Rosscarrock School.   |
| Scenario 3 | <b>West Springs School:</b> Remain K-6 and Cap enrolment. Overflow K-6 students to Rosscarrock School.<br><b>Wildwood School:</b> Re-designate Spruce Cliff and Westgate students to Rosscarrock School for Regular program.  |
| Scenario 4 | <b>West Springs School:</b> Change grade configuration to K-4 and designate GR 5-6 students to Rosscarrock School.<br><b>Wildwood School:</b> Re-designate Aspen Woods (West of 85 <sup>th</sup> Street) and Olympic Heights overflow to Jennie Elliott School.                                 |
| Scenario 5 | <b>West Springs School:</b> Change grade configuration to K-4 and designate GR 5-6 students to Rosscarrock School.<br><b>Wildwood School:</b> Re-designate Cougar Ridge students to Jennie Elliott School.  |

\*Note: Olympic Heights School currently overflows students to Wildwood School and is therefore included in some of the potential scenarios.

The CBE is seeking your input on these potential scenarios by use of an online engagement tool called Thoughtstream. We have chosen Thoughtstream because it allows a large number of stakeholders to provide detailed feedback to administration. This tool allows stakeholders to discover for themselves the diversity of opinions and the complexity of bringing together all voices to come to the best decision possible.

Our goal is to “consult” stakeholders by working with the public throughout the process to obtain feedback. We will keep you informed, listen to concerns and aspirations and let you know how public input influenced the decision. Your input may influence the possible options considered and the final implementation plan. However, the final decision on any attendance area changes will be made by CBE administration in conjunction with the Area Director and the Director of Planning & Transportation.

At this time, there is no pre-determined preferred plan, rather, a number of possible alternative approaches.

**Timeline:**

**November 25, 2013 – December 8, 2013** – Share your thoughts via Thoughtstream online engagement process [Link will be on you school’s webpage.](#)

**December 16, 2013** – Round 2 of the Thoughtstream process, you will have the opportunity to view the thoughts of others and then identify and submit your priorities on-line.

**January 2014** – Parent Drop-In Open House to share the results of the online engagement process and gather feedback on implementation of the recommended scenario.

**February - March 2014**

Once the final plan and implementation details are confirmed by administration, you will receive a confirmation letter communicating the details of the decision.

Throughout the process, you may also provide input at any time through the on-line feedback form at [www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/ceop/feedback](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/ceop/feedback). All information will be posted on the Planning & Transportation website throughout the community engagement process. The address is:

[http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/ceop/planning\\_process](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/ceop/planning_process). You will need to scroll down to the section titled Current Community Engagement Projects.

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