



January 28, 2014

Parents of Students attending Westgate School and  
Bishop Pinkham School

**Re: Appeal of Decision to Relocate the Area IV Spanish Bilingual  
alternative programs to Eugene Coste School for  
September 2014**

There are competing values whenever the Calgary Board of Education enters discussions with parents regarding school and/or program designation for their children. Simply put, there is finite space in the CBE administrative area designated as Area IV and there is not one solution that all will support.

The grounds for appeal from parents centres on the premise that:

- the suggested location is too far away from many of the communities that it will serve and
- at no time in the 2012-2013 process was the location of Eugene Coste School disclosed to parents.

After careful consideration of multiple perspectives, I find that the potential location of Eugene Coste School was not named during the 2012-2013 parental engagement process and conclude that parental response to the proposed scenarios could have been influenced by this additional information.

Therefore, the engagement process will continue to examine previous scenarios, including the utilization of Eugene Coste School, and other possible solutions that have been proposed since the decision letter of Jan. 13, 2014.

Details on the date and location of the next open house for parents to provide further feedback will be forthcoming.

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