



December 16, 2015

New High School Opening in Martindale

Re: Information on school designation, grade configuration changes and more

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening a high school in Martindale in September 2016. For the 2016 school year, Nelson Mandela High School will offer Grade 10 and Grade 11 programming expanding to Grade 12 for the 2017 school year. Students from Saddle Ridge, Martindale, Castleridge, Falconridge, Taradale and Coral Springs will attend Nelson Mandela High School.

Changes to grade configurations will take place over the next two years as follows:

School Name	School Year	Grades
Nelson Mandela High School	2016-2017	Grade 10-Grade 11
Nelson Mandela High School	2017-2018 & Beyond	Grade 10-Grade 12

Which communities are designated to Nelson Mandela High School?

Please see the attached map showing the attendance area for Nelson Mandela High School. Grade 10 and Grade 11 students living within the boundary for the new Nelson Mandela High School will attend that school when it opens.

The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 12 learning continuum which minimizes transitions between schools. The new school will not offer Grade 12 in its first year. Therefore, students will complete Grade 12 at their current high school which is either Crescent Heights High School or James Fowler High School.


Who is the new school Principal?

The principal for Nelson Mandela High School is Teresa Martin who is working out of Area III office. She will continue to work with the existing and new school communities, parents and students to develop a school opening transition plan.

What happens if the new school isn't ready to open on time?

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools anticipated to open for September 2016. If there is a delay a contingency plan will be communicated to parents. Our contingency plans will ensure the learning needs of students are met. We will keep parents and the community informed of any changes to the expected opening of Nelson Mandela High School. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/default.aspx>

This is an exciting time. We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.



Dr. Dianne Yee
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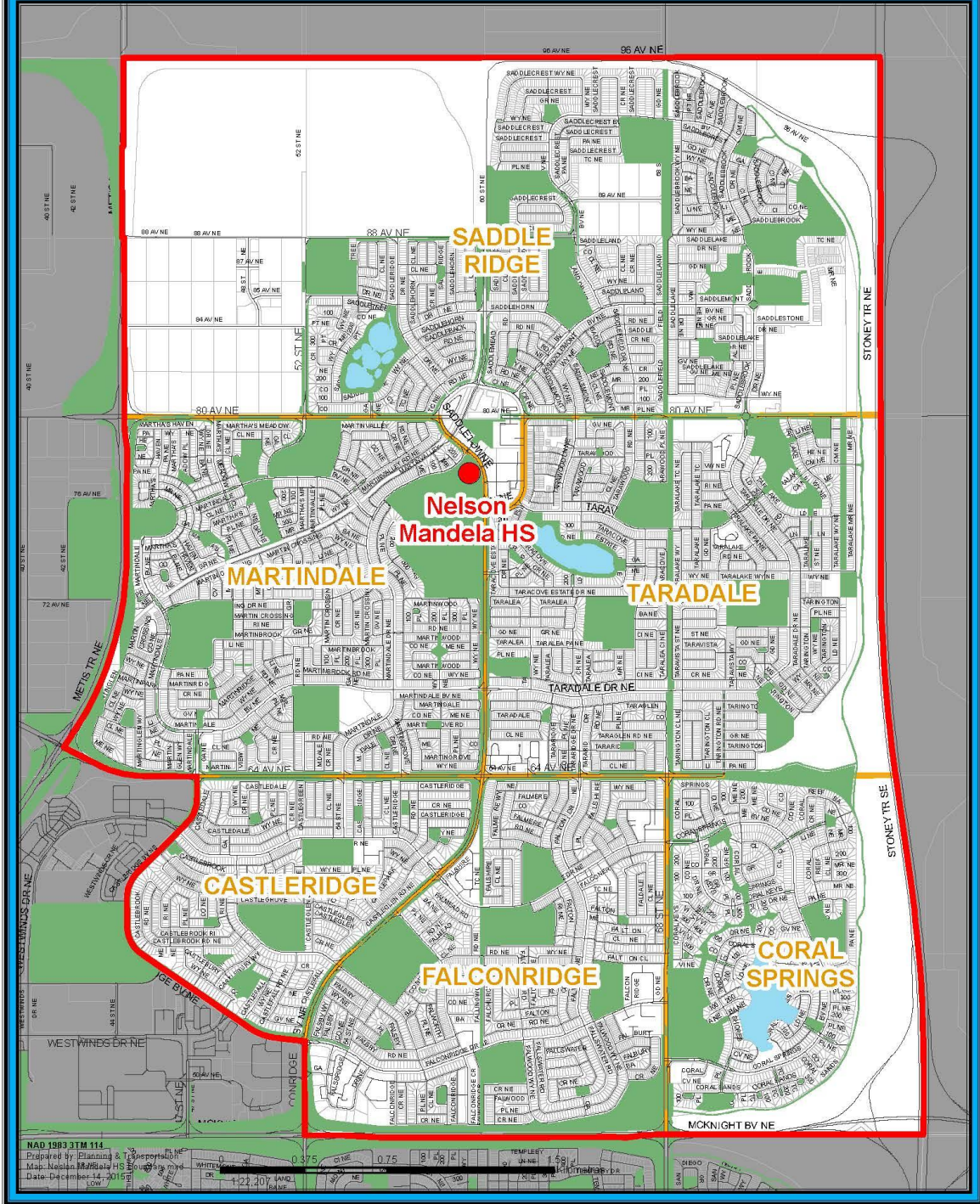


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Attendance Area for Nelson Mandela High School

Effective September 2016



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