



December 16, 2015

New School Opening in Auburn Bay

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education is pleased to be opening an elementary school in Auburn Bay in September 2016. The opening of the new elementary school will change designations for students living in the community. Having an elementary school will make it possible to serve kindergarten to Grade 4 students in the community. Students from Auburn Bay attending Andrew Sibbald School will now attend the new elementary school in Auburn Bay.

Changes to grade configurations for Auburn Bay students will take place over the next two years as follows:

School Name	School Year	Grades offered
Auburn Bay elementary	2016-2017	K-Grade 3
Andrew Sibbald School	2016-2017	Grade 4
Auburn Bay elementary	2017-2018 & Beyond	K-Grade 4
Nickle School	2016-2017 & beyond	Grade 5-Grade 9

Will my child attend Auburn Bay School or Andrew Sibbald School?

The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions for students. The new school will not offer Grade 4 in its first year. Therefore, students currently in Grade 3 will complete their final year of elementary at Andrew Sibbald School before transitioning to Nickle School for Grade 5.

Where do I go to register my child for kindergarten?

All students in the community who are eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2016 are asked to register at Andrew Sibbald School. Kindergarten registration begins January 11, 2016 and will be ongoing from that date. Registration at CBE schools is not on a first come-first served basis, so you do not need to register on the first day, although we encourage parents to register their children as soon as possible to help us with our planning and preparation for the new school year.

Who is the new school Principal?

Principals for the new schools will be announced in February 2016. The principal will work with the existing and new school community, parents and students to develop a school opening plan.

Can my child take the school bus?

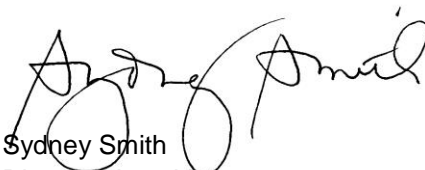
Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Information regarding transportation services and fees is available on our website at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx> and through your school. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

For the 2016-17 school year, Grade 4 students will be provided with transportation services to Andrew Sibbald School. Transportation services from the community of Auburn Bay to Andrew Sibbald School will end June 30, 2017.


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 the new elementary school in Auburn Bay. 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.



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Attendance Area for Auburn Bay Elementary

Effective September 2016

