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## **New School Opening in Tuscany**

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 second elementary school in Tuscany in September 2016. The opening of Eric Harvie School will impact the current grade configurations at Tuscany School and Twelve Mile Coulee School. Having two elementary schools and one middle school in the community will make it possible to serve all kindergarten-Grade 9 students in the community.

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

<b>School Name</b>	<b>School Year</b>	<b>Grades</b>
Eric Harvie School	2016-2017	K-Grade 3
Eric Harvie School	2017-2018 & Beyond	K-Grade 4
Tuscany School	2016-2017 & Beyond	K-Grade 4
Twelve Mile Coulee School	2016-2017 & Beyond	Grade 5-Grade 9

### **Will my child attend Eric Harvie School or Tuscany School?**

Please see the attached map showing attendance areas within the community for both elementary schools. Kindergarten to Grade 3 students living within the boundary for the new Eric Harvie School will attend that school when it opens.

The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions between schools. The new school will not offer Grade 4 in its first year. Therefore, students currently in Grade 3 will complete Grade 4 at Tuscany School before transitioning to Twelve Mile Coulee School for Grade 5 with others from the community.

### **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 Tuscany School. Kindergarten registration begins January 11, 2016 and will be ongoing. 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.

All kindergarten students residing in Tuscany will be accommodated in either Eric Harvie School or Tuscany School.

**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 who are in the boundary for Eric Harvie School and outside of the walk zone for Tuscany School will be provided with transportation services to Tuscany School. Transportation services from the Eric Harvie School boundary to Tuscany 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 Eric Harvie 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.



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# Elementary School Attendance Areas for Tuscany

Effective September 2016

