

questions & answers

FAQ Sheet #3
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Parents and Guardians of future Dr. Martha Cohen students:

We are committed to you of school information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to contact us at drmarthacohenschool@cbe.ab.ca with any questions you have. We hope the FAQ Sheets will help with immediate information needs and we will continue to send them out on a regular basis.

What was the participation in the Expression of Interest?

Of the responses we received from the Expression of Interest, 60% of families chose the 'school within a school' option at New Brighton until the Martha Cohen building is available. The decision to have grade five's included with the opening of Martha Cohen in 2016 was made based on this input received from families. It is important to note that despite many reminders, we did not receive input from all eligible families. There are approximately the same number of grade four students from the Copperfield and the New Brighton communities.

Will there be bussing for students?

There will be bussing available for students in grades 6 – 8 to Wilma Hansen School for the first four months of the school year. Some grade 5 students from Copperfield will have bussing available while they attend New Brighton School before Martha Cohen School opens. CBE Planning and Transportation will provide us with the walk zone map shortly. Once the new middle school building is open, we will return to the walk zone for Martha Cohen School as currently. Beginning in January, bussing will be available for all students living outside the Dr. Martha Cohen walk zone. Please visit our website - <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/new-brighton-copperfield-middle-school.aspx> to view the walk zone map. Transportation contracts will be available in late May or early June.

Will there be dedicated safe crossing for our child(ren)?

We have learned through Councillor Shane Keating's office, that a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon crosswalk will be installed at McIvor Blvd/Copperfield Blvd/New Brighton Way which will assist students in safely crossing this intersection.

What do I do if I have other questions or need information?

The best way to contact us is by email: drmarthacohen@cbe.ab.ca. We will continue to create FAQ Sheets on a regular basis and communicate with you with the help of our feeder school's websites. We will inform you when the Dr. Martha Cohen School website is ready.

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