

## Consideration of Closure for the Purpose of Relocation (START Outreach Bowness)

Virtual Public Input Meeting  
May 26, 2022  
Time: 7pm

(Meeting attendees, please mute  
your microphone and feel free to  
turn your camera off)



Calgary Board  
of Education

# Acknowledging the land where we gather



We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

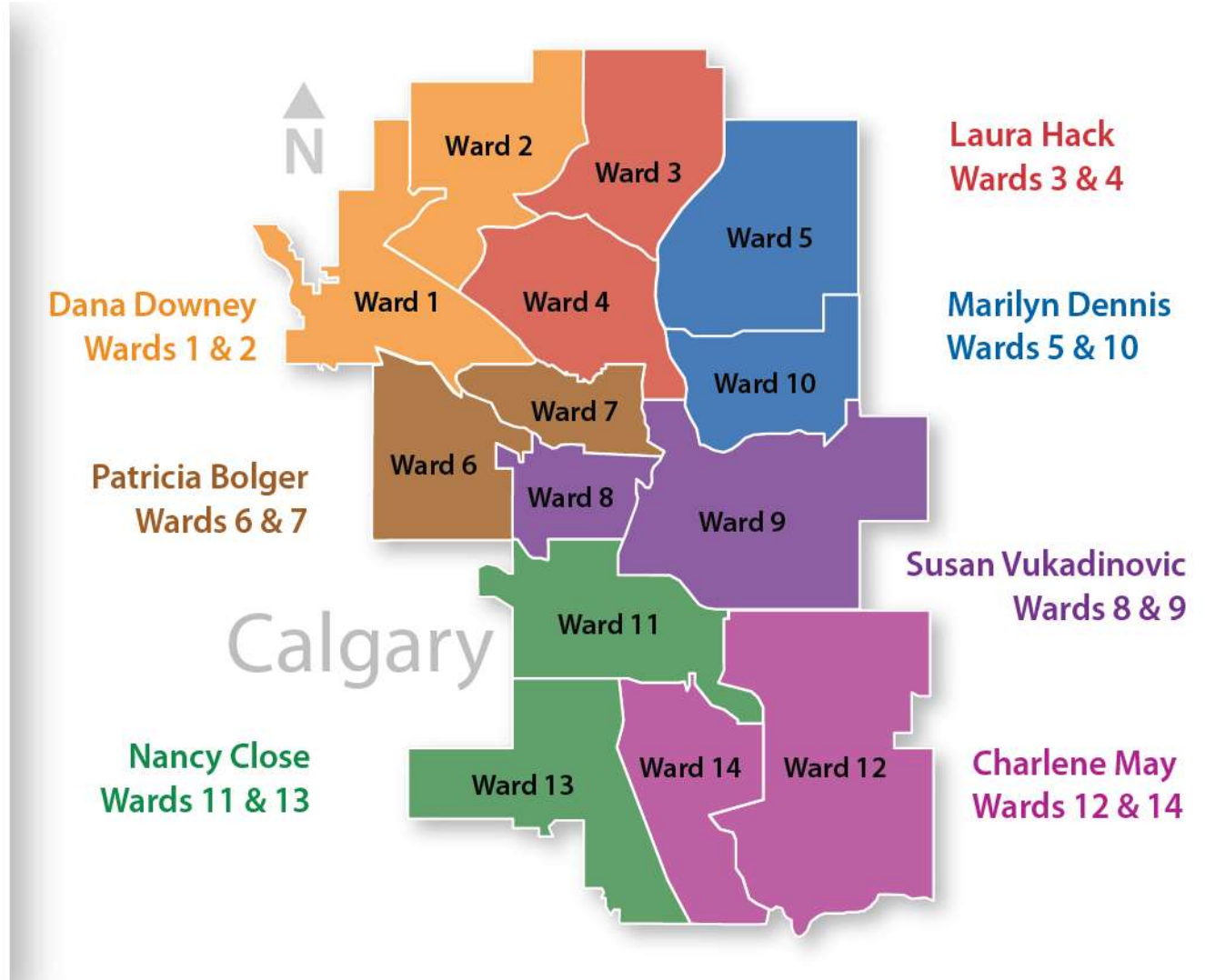
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# Welcome and Introductions – CBE Board of Trustees

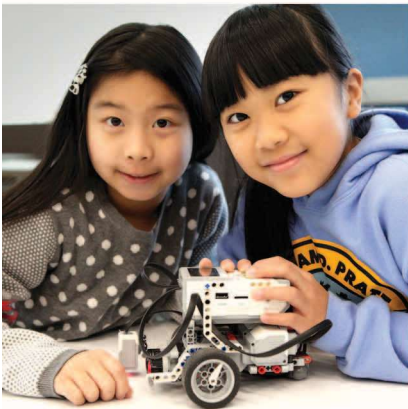
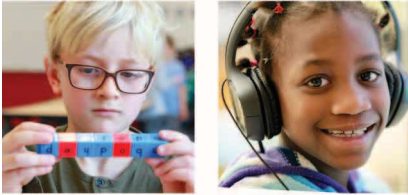
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# Welcome and Introductions – CBE Administration




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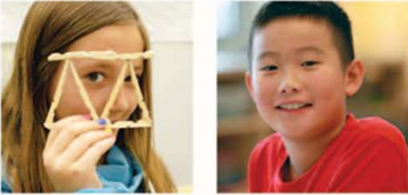


# Agenda



1. Opening Remarks
  2. Meeting Purpose and Outline
  3. Meeting Guidelines
  4. CBE Administration Presentation
  5. Questions and Comments
  6. Closing Remarks
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# Opening Remarks



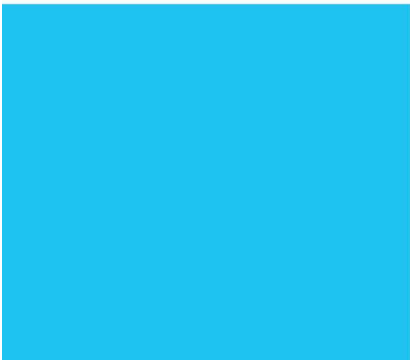
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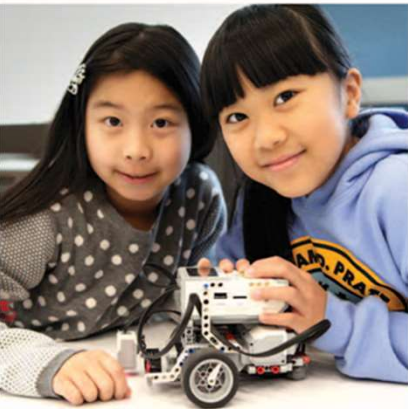
# Meeting Purpose and Outline



- Outline the rationale for the proposed closure
- Share relevant information
- Provide the opportunity for questions and comments on the proposed closure



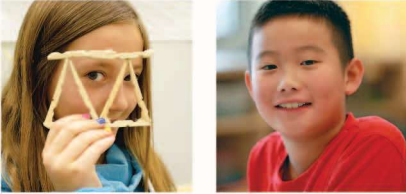
# Meeting Guidelines



- Please mute your microphone except when you are called on to speak
- Comments and questions will be addressed following the presentation portion of the meeting
- Please limit your question or comments to five minutes
- Respect differing opinions and everyone's right to speak

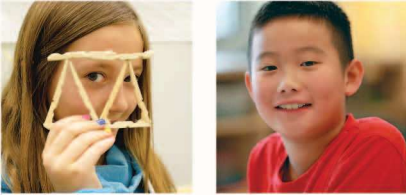


# What is Discovering Choices?



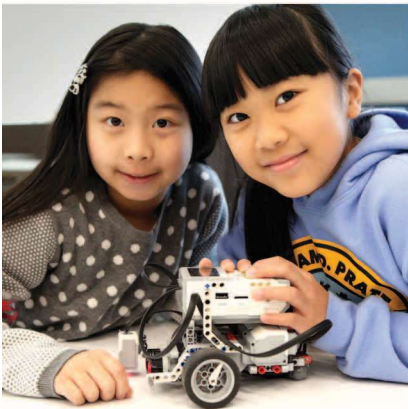
- Outreach programming for students who require additional supports to be successful in completing courses and making progress toward high school graduation.
- Students may have experienced interrupted schooling, severe attendance issues or other challenges affecting their high school experiences.
- Allows for individualized and flexible programming in recognition of individual student needs.

# Rationale for the Proposed Relocation



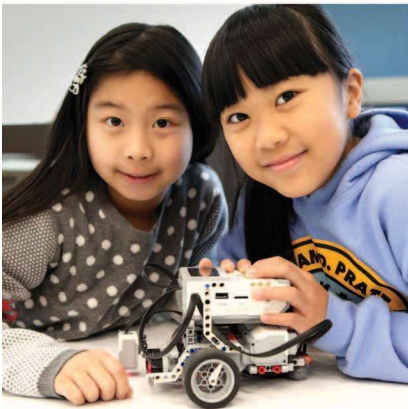
- Provide students with access to enhanced learning opportunities while also continuing to provide the individualized programming and supports provided at the current sites.
- Leases at Bowness and Westbrook outreach locations expiring in 2023.
- Changes to government funding for outreach programs.
- Changes to government policy that allow outreach programs to be offered in operating schools.
- Space availability at two high schools.
- Various transportation options

# Proposed Student Accommodation Plan



- CBE will continue to operate four outreach locations across the four quadrants of the city with the proposed moves as follows:
  - Discovering Choices I (Downtown) - will continue at the current SE location;
  - Discovering Choice II (Northgate) - will continue at the current NE location;
  - Start Outreach (Bowness) - will move into Robert Thirsk High School in the NW; and
  - Westbrook Outreach (Westbrook) - will move into Alternative High School in the SW.
- The Nexus Program would move from the Bowness location to the Northgate location.
- Students would have the flexibility to choose the location that is right for them.

# Education and Program Impacts for Discovering Choices Students



- Current individualized programming and supports would continue and include the following:
  - Individual and flexible programming
  - Psychology supports (as aligned with current funding & resources)
  - Well-being supports
  - Access to sheltered programming with an emphasis on core courses
- Core subjects would continue to be taught by Discovering Choices teachers to Discovering Choices students only.

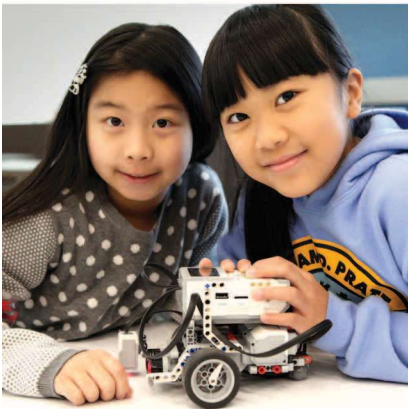


# Education and Program Impacts for Discovering Choices Students



- Enhanced learning opportunities, including Career and Technology Studies/option courses and extra-curricular offerings.
- Access to larger guidance and student services staff.
- Option courses will include DC students along with other students attending Alternative and Robert Thirsk high schools.

# The Proposed Student Transition Plan

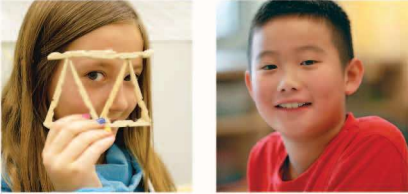


Student transitions will be:

- Co-ordinated, purposeful and outcomes oriented
- Timely, ongoing and responsive
- Include feedback and perspectives gathered from students, parents, staff and school administrators
- Inclusive of the social-emotional needs of each student

Students have the flexibility to choose any of the four locations that is best for them.

# CBE Planning Principles




- Provide equitable access for all students to quality learning environments and choice of programs
- Use space and resources effectively
- Provide long term sustainability

AR 1090 Student Accommodation Planning Process



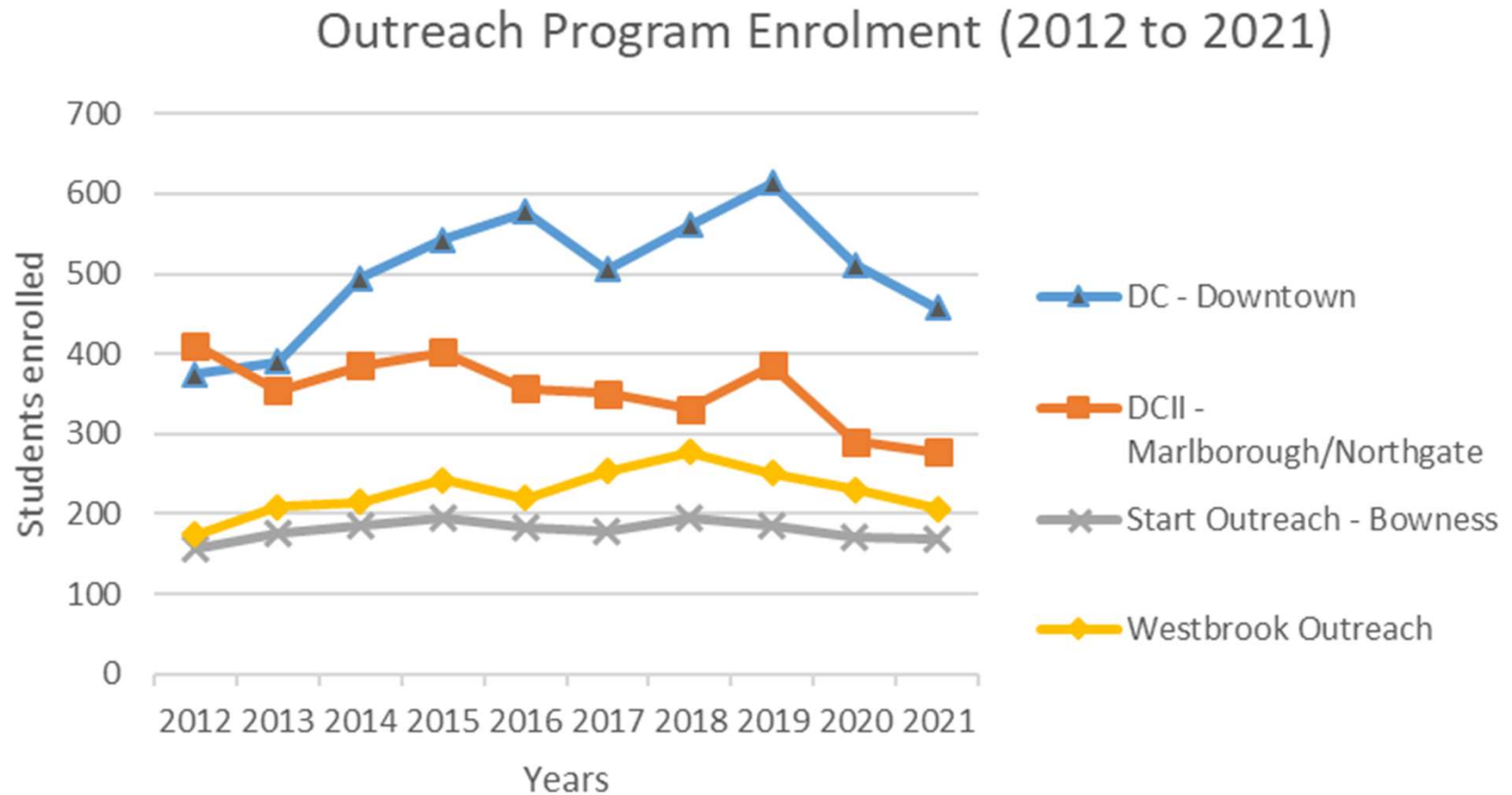
# Existing Leased Sites and Capital Plan Impact



- Increase in high school utilization rates
  - The leases will expire in 2023 and space will be returned to the landlord
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# Outreach Program Enrolment (2012-2021)



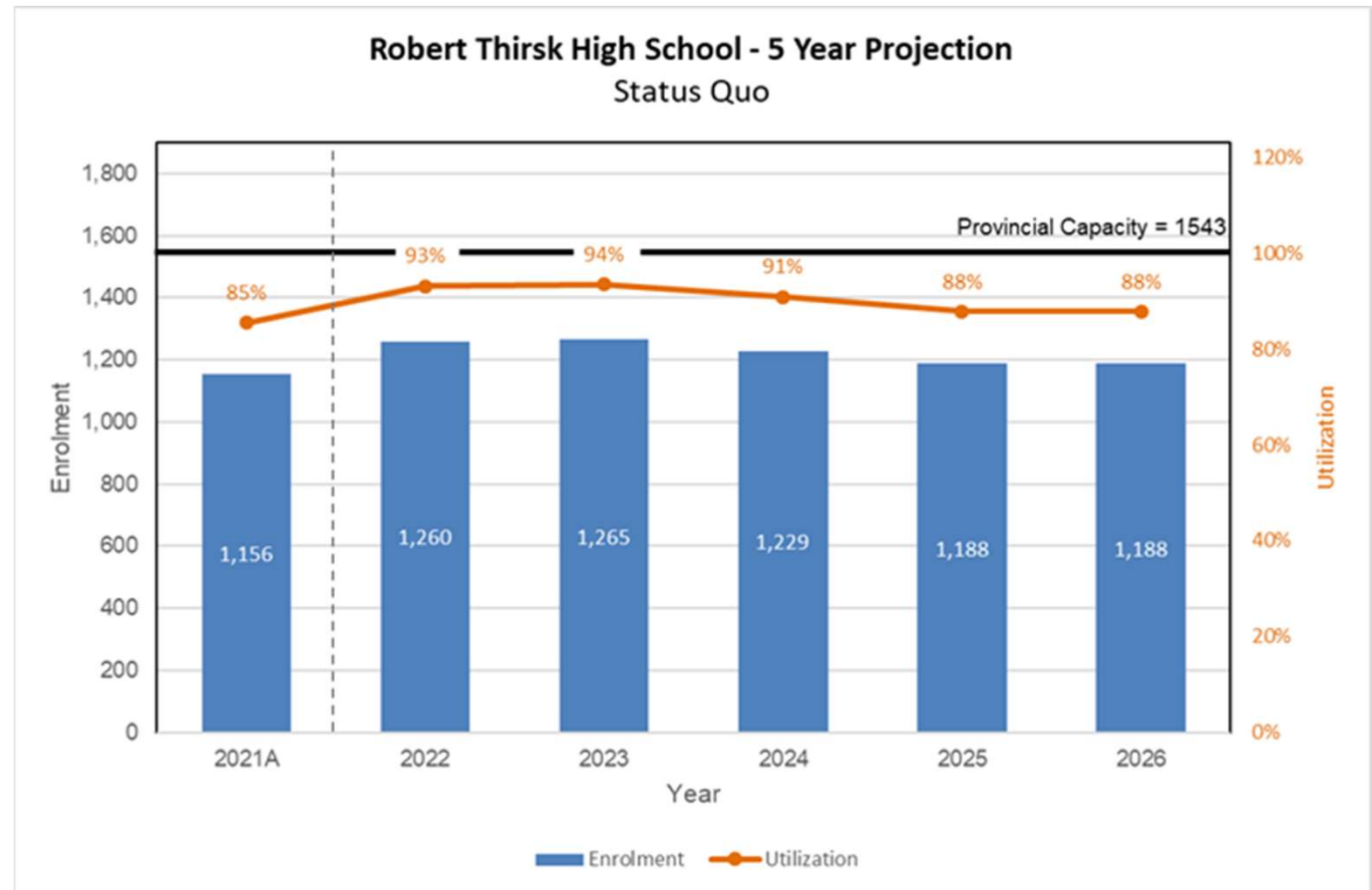
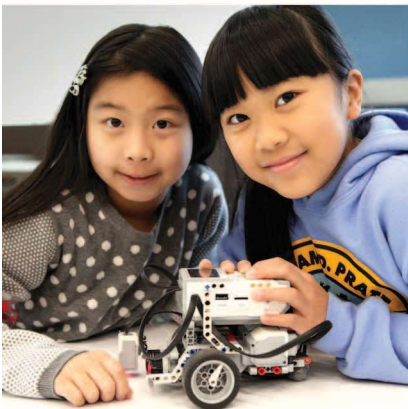
# Current Student Enrolment

## *Enrolment in Outreach Programs 2021*

Programs	Locations	Enrolment	% of total Enrolment
Discovering Choices I	Downtown	457	41%
Discovering ChoicesII	Northgate	277	25%
Start- Outreach	Bowness	168	15%
Westbrook Outreach	Westbrook	206	19%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1108</b>	<b>100%</b>

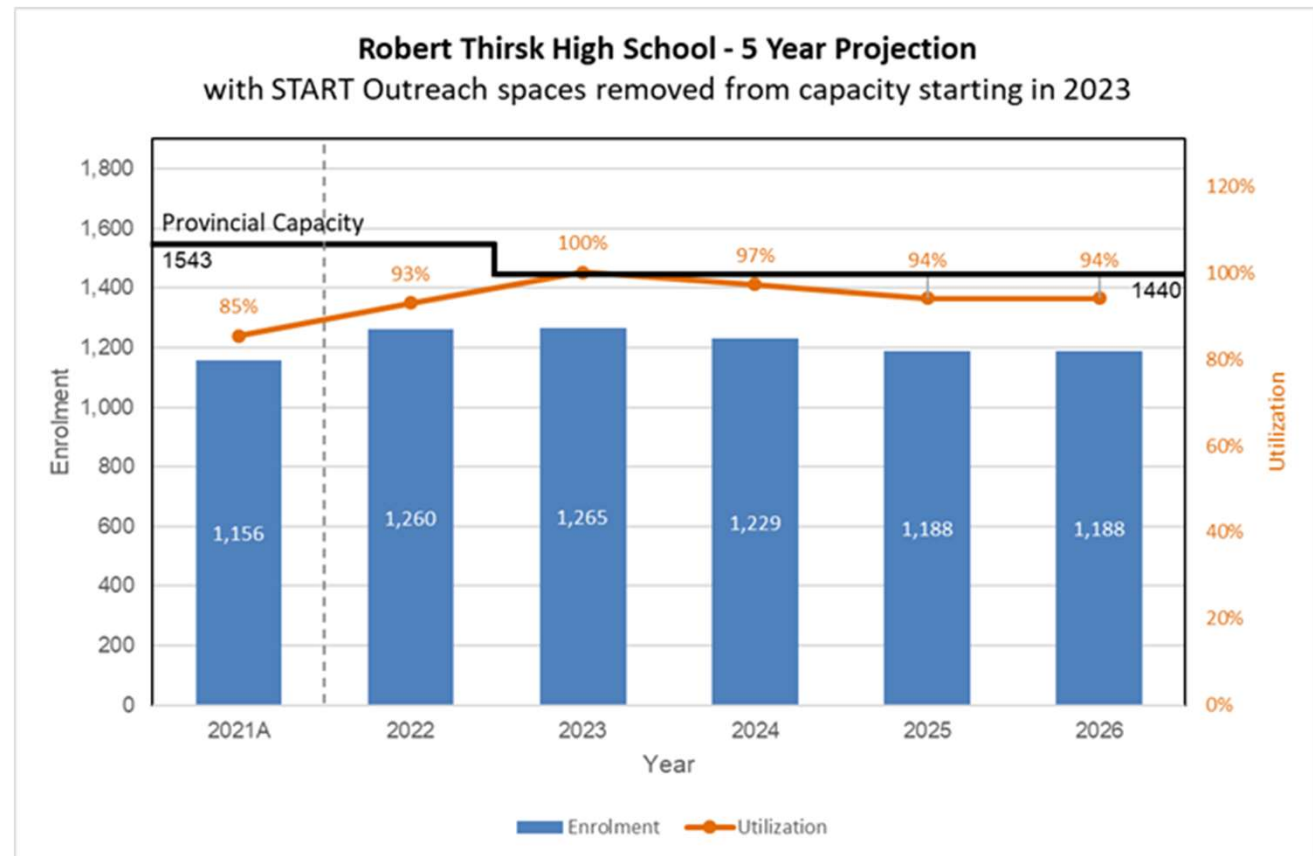
*Source: School Enrolment Report 2021-2022*

# Current and Projected Enrolment Robert Thirsk School (Status Quo)



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(with START Outreach spaces removed from capacity starting in 2023)





# Financial Impacts

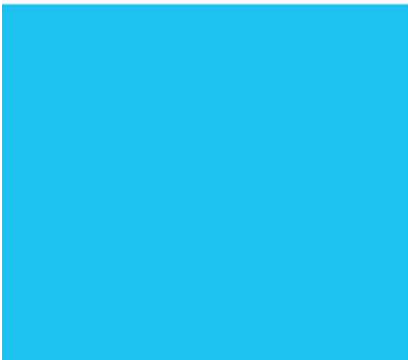
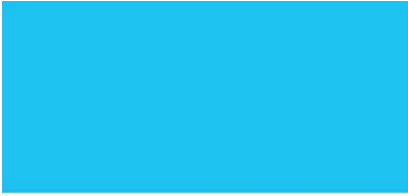
*Lease cost, enrolment and cost per student at outreach sites*

Location	Annual Lease Cost	2021-2022 Enrolment	2021-2022 Cost Per Student
DC- Downtown	\$ 126,000.00	457	\$ 275.71
DC -Northgate	\$ 110,293.00	277	\$ 398.17
Start Outreach	\$ 184,500.00	168	\$ 1,098.21
Westbrook Outreach	\$ 132,732.00	206	\$ 644.33

- Elimination of lease costs for the two most costly / lowest enrolment sites (Bowness & Westbrook)
- Operational savings of approximately \$38,000 per year

# Proposed Timeline for Implementation





## Questions and Comments



# Written Submissions



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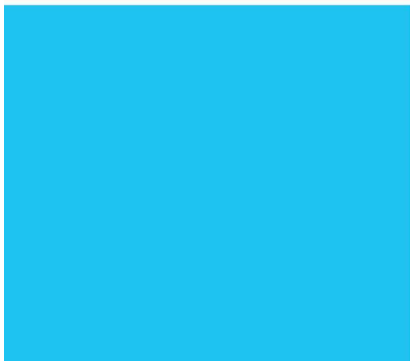
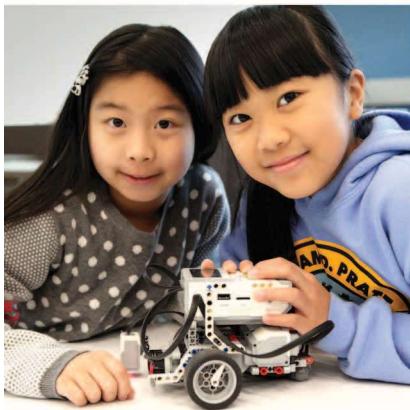
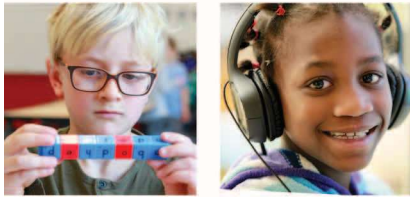
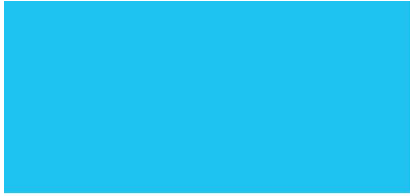
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Email directly to [BoardofTrustees@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:BoardofTrustees@cbe.ab.ca)

Please respond in writing  
**By Tuesday, June 14, 2022**







## Closing Remarks