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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Notice Regarding School Designation for Spanish Bilingual Students

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) would like to **inform** parents that for the 2018-2019 school year, kindergarten to Grade 6 students in the Spanish Bilingual program currently attending Rosscarrock and Westgate schools will be accommodated at Glenmeadows School. Glenmeadows School is located at 4931 Grove Hill Rd S.W.

The CBE has been working with the Westgate School community since 2012 to find a long-term solution for the accommodation of the Spanish Bilingual program. As we have previously shared with you, in March 2014 a decision was made to relocate the Spanish Bilingual program from Westgate School to Glenmeadows School. In December 2016, after engagement with the school community, it was determined that students would relocate to Glenmeadows School for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

The school has been vacated and CBE is working on internal and external issues at the site. The building will be ready for occupancy before September.

Ray Suarez has been named as the new Principal at Glenmeadows School. Until the formal transition date to his new role, Ray's primary responsibility will be as principal at Rosscarrock School. Ray will transition from his current role to the new role as Principal at Glenmeadows School in sufficient time for him to be able to open the 'new' school for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

How do I register for school next year?

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins on January 22, 2018. All new registrations will be collected at Rosscarrock School. Registration is not on a first come first served basis so parents do not need to line up to register on the first day.

If there are more registrations than spaces available acceptance to kindergarten will be determined through the lottery which is scheduled to occur on February 14, 2018. To be included in the lottery, registrations must be received by **noon on February 13**, the day before the lottery. Registrations received after the lottery date will be added to the appropriate priority level in the order received.

Where will my child attend school next year?

Current kindergarten to Grade 2 students attending Rosscarrock School and Grade 3 to Grade 5 students currently at Westgate School in the Spanish Bilingual Program will attend Glenmeadows School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students currently in Grade 6 at Westgate School in the Spanish Bilingual Program will attend A.E. Cross School for Grade 7.

How will students get to school?

Students are eligible for transportation if they live beyond the walk zone. Busing registration will begin in the spring, then routes will be developed and families will be informed over the summer of the pickup/drop off locations and time.

Will there be before and after school care offered at the school?

Before and after school care is a decision that is made by the principal. Discussion around before and after school programming can take place once Mr. Suarez transitions to his new role.

What resources for learning will be available at the new Glenmeadows school?

A new school program needs a reasonable level of resources available to provide a positive learning environment for students. All basic resources required to teach the Programs of Studies will be available to teachers and students. These resources will be available from the following sources:

- Spanish library and kindergarten to Grade 6 Spanish teaching resources will follow students to Glenmeadows School from Rosscarrock and Westgate schools as they will no longer be required at their current site
- As English library and teaching resources will still be required at Westgate and Rosscarrock schools a budget will be developed to support the establishment of English library and teaching resources for Glenmeadows School. It will be the responsibility of the new principal and staff at Glenmeadows to make the necessary purchases.
- Both Rosscarrock and Westgate schools will be able to relocate some music, physical education, art and technology resources to Glenmeadows School and should there be a shortfall, Area 6 and Area 7 offices are prepared to offer support.

As schools operate over time, with fundraising and other sources of funding, they are able to purchase 'additional' resources to enhance the programming offerings for students. These will be things that the 'new' Glenmeadows School will need to accumulate over time. The fundraising dollars that will follow students to Glenmeadows from Westgate School will enhance Glenmeadows opportunity to begin to make these additional resource purchases.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the Area 6 office at 403-777-8780 (extension 0).



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