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January 11, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is scheduled to open a new elementary school in the community of Mahogany during the 2022-23 school year. The opening of the Mahogany School will have an impact on grade configurations and attendance areas for Mahogany families.

After careful consideration of the questions and comments we received at the virtual sessions, ideas board, as well as at the Area Office, a decision has been made to move forward with the following accommodation plan starting September 2022:

- School attendance area for the new Mahogany School (see map)
- K-4 regular program grade configuration at Mahogany School for 2022-23 school year
- K-5 grade re-configuration at Mahogany School for 2023-24 school year and beyond

We believe this plan provides the best opportunity for the following CBE planning principles to be achieved:

- Students attend school closer to home.
- Program continuity from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Equitable access for all students to quality learning environments and choice of programs.
- Space and resources are used effectively.

Planning principles are considered in making all CBE student accommodation decisions, and can be found in [AR1090](#).

#### **Who will be impacted by these changes?**

K-3 students living in the community of Mahogany.

Students attending Riverbend School:

- K-3 Mahogany students attending Riverbend School will be re-designated to Mahogany School starting September 2022.
- Students living in Mahogany attending Riverbend School will be re-designated to Mahogany School. Transportation services from the Mahogany community to Riverbend School will end June 30, 2022.

#### **What happens if Mahogany School becomes too full in the future?**

In the future, Mahogany School is expected not to have enough space for all students in the community. When that happens, some Mahogany students will attend the newest elementary school in Auburn Bay and acceptance into the school will be based on the CBE's [lottery process](#).

**Will students need to register at the new school location?**

There is no need to register. Students who are re-designated will automatically be designated to their new school.

New kindergarten students will need to register for their new school. Online registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins Jan. 17, 2022. To register for Kindergarten, please review the information on our [Registration page](#) and follow the instructions.

If students will be designated to a different school and would like to transfer from an alternative program or out of attendance area school, they will need to inform their current school and submit a Transfer Request Form. For more information, please visit: [Transferring between CBE Schools](#).

**Who is the new school Principal?**

Principals for the new schools will be announced in Spring 2022. The principal will work with the existing and new school community, parents and students to develop a school opening plan.

**How will students get to school?**

The walk zone for Mahogany School will be determined this spring and posted on CBE [Find a School tool](#).

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Busing registration begins each year in the spring, then routes will be developed and families will be informed over the summer of the pickup/drop off locations and time. Information regarding transportation services and fees is available on the CBE website [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca) and at the schools.

**What support will families and students receive during the transition?**

Each school may provide support in different ways, such as hosting an information session, offering a school tour or other means of communication. Your school will provide information regarding these opportunities once they are determined.

When a student with complex learning needs moves from one school to another, the supports required to fulfill the IPP requirements move with them. Teachers and staff at the former and new school will collaborate to ensure the student's needs are met.

We expect that students currently Grade 3 at Riverbend School will move to Mahogany School if they live within the attendance area for the new school. This allows students two years in the new school before moving to middle school in 2025. We do anticipate that all newly designated students will move, however, we do recognize that there can be unique learning circumstances that require a conversation between the families, principal and Education Director for the school.

**What about bell times, school calendars, transfer of resources and fundraising dollars, and other decisions?**

School administration will communicate any potential changes with parents, students and staff throughout the implementation process. Any changes will balance the best interest for the school community and CBE. The CBE Administrative Regulations and other requirements and efficiencies will also be considered in these decisions. Check your school website and newsletter regularly for updates.

**What happens if the new school isn't ready to open on time?**

The CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools anticipated to open for September 2022. 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 school in Mahogany. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit [Building & Modernizing Schools](#).

**What if I have more questions?**

If you have a question that is not answered here or on our website, contact the school's principal. If you still have questions, please contact the Area 5 office at [Area5@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:Area5@cbe.ab.ca) or 403-777-8412.

This is an exciting time. We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.



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