

Preparing for September 2017 boundary changes

The opening of Don Campbell Elementary School in the Inglewood community, the relocation of our Spanish Bilingual program to Grandview, as well as the need to better accommodate elementary students in overcrowded schools across the district, has resulted in attendance boundary changes that will take place in September 2017.

Following considerable community input along with detailed analysis and projections of our facilities and enrollments both now and into the future, the Board of Trustee approved changes of elementary school attendance boundaries in January, 2016. These changes will impact many of our schools and families.

Community, School or Program	Current	September 2017
<i>Downtown – English/French Immersion</i>	<i>Grandview/Oriole Park</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Gateway</i>	<i>Gateway</i>	<i>Sharing facilities, enhanced capacity</i>
<i>Grandview</i>	<i>Grandview</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Inglewood/Ironstone – English</i>	<i>Mountview</i>	<i>Don Campbell</i>
<i>Lancaster, Laredo, Lonsdale – French Immersion</i>	<i>Barrie Wilson</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Laredo – English</i>	<i>Barrie Wilson</i>	<i>Mattie McCullough</i>
<i>Michener – English/French Immersion</i>	<i>Grandview</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Parkvale</i>	<i>Grandview/Oriole Park</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Rosedale, Rosedale Meadows - English</i>	<i>Grandview</i>	<i>Barrie Wilson</i>
<i>Spanish Bilingual</i>	<i>Pines</i>	<i>Grandview</i>
<i>Vanier Woods, Vanier East – English</i>	<i>Barrie Wilson</i>	<i>Don Campbell</i>
<i>Vanier Woods, Vanier East – French Immersion</i>	<i>Barrie Wilson</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Waskasoo – English/French Immersion</i>	<i>Grandview/Oriole Park</i>	<i>Mountview</i>
<i>Woodlea – English/French Immersion</i>	<i>Grandview/Oriole Park</i>	<i>Mountview</i>

Preparing for the changes...

Now that the decision has been made, the hard work begins on implementing the many changes. Hundreds of decisions ranging from grandfathering of students, transportation, moving, staffing, budgets, communication and transition plans need to be made. That work is well underway and we know it will be important to keep students, parents and staff informed on the transition plan and we are committed to ensuring that happens. By working together, we strive to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Welcome to your new school: We recognize many families love the schools their children attend and moving to a new school is a big step. Each of our schools will be developing welcoming plans that will make the transition easier for students and parents. These changes will impact many families and together, we want to ensure this is a good experience for everyone involved. Throughout the process, we will keep you informed and welcome your ideas and questions. Updates are available on our website under the “*Schools in Transition*” button on our homepage at www.rdpsd.ab.ca In the end, our goal is that you love your new school and that every student has a successful year.



Things you have questions about:

- **Student Intention Forms:** To assist all our schools with planning, families will be asked to complete student intention forms in January to confirm which school they will be attending.
- **Parent Choice of School:** School attendance boundaries are established to provide neighbourhood schools and transportation services. Board policy includes provisions for parent choice of school where facilities and resources permit. Information is available through principals at any of our schools.
- **Grandfathering:** Parents of Grade 4 students wanting their child to finish their last year in elementary at their current school will be allowed to do so subject to room and resources being available. Transportation of students who are grandfathered is the responsibility of families. Siblings in other grades will attend their designated school.
- **Transportation:** Red Deer Public Schools provides transportation to elementary students attending their designated school and residing more than 1.6 km from the school. Bus route information will be provided to families in August 2017. To assist in planning for the significant changes occurring due to these moves, it is essential that families submit bussing applications by the deadline, June 15, 2017.
- **Kindergarten Registration:** Registration for Kindergarten programs in all elementary schools begins on Monday, January 9th. Information for Kindergarten children registering at Don Campbell is provided below.



Don Campbell Elementary School:

Our newest school, located in the Inglewood community, opens to students from kindergarten to grade 5 in September 2017. Located at 99 Irving Crescent, Don Campbell Elementary will serve students residing in the Vanier/Vanier Woods and Inglewood/Ironstone communities.

Student registration information:

- Kindergarten registration begins on January 9, 2017. Families will be able to register online via the Don Campbell Elementary website or in person from January 9-13, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Living Stones Church at 2020 40 Ave.
- Registration for all other grades will begin March 1 2017. Families will be able to register online via the Don Campbell Elementary website or in person at Red Deer Public Schools at 4747 – 53rd Street

Future Schools: Student accommodations will continue to be an issue as Red Deer grows into the future. Our district capital plan, submitted to government, includes requests for new schools to meet our growing needs. We will continue to work with the government, who funds all new school construction, to ensure we can best accommodate students both now and into the future.

For more information, please connect with the following:

- Your school principal
- “Schools in Transition” page on our website at: www.rdpsd.ab.ca
- School websites located at www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Schools.php
- Don Campbell Elementary School principal Cam Pizzey at 403-343-1838 or at cam.pizzey@rdpsd.ab.ca
- District Administrator, Rob Moltzahn at 403-342-3702 or at Robert.moltzahn@rdpsd.ab.ca