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RE: RVS Holds Open Houses to Gather Input on Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces

Rocky View Schools (RVS) will hold a series of open houses and launch an online survey starting Jan. 23 as part of a city-wide public engagement to gather input on how to best balance student enrolment across Airdrie.

The [Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces](#) engagement is ongoing through March 2024 with in-person open houses on **Jan. 23, 30, 31 and Feb. 6** and a new online survey open **Jan. 23 to March 17**.

RVS encourages all families, staff, students and interested community members to participate and share their thoughts by visiting an open house in person and/or online through [RVSEngage](#) starting Jan. 23. Each open house will have the same information.

- Jan. 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: George McDougall High School
- Jan. 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: C.W. Perry School
- Jan. 31, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: W.H. Croxford High School
- Feb. 6, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: Bert Church High School

Possible solutions for consideration include converting C.W. Perry School into a high school; Grade 8 students staying in their current schools for Grade 9; or reorganizing the grade structure across Airdrie (Kindergarten – Grade 6, Grades 7 – 9 and Grades 10 – 12). Each possibility could have a range of impacts such as boundary changes and new designated schools for many families, students and staff.

“The Board wants to hear the community’s thoughts on these potential solutions and new ideas for trustees to consider,” said Board Chair, Fiona Gilbert. “We are committed to thoroughly and thoughtfully reviewing all information and feedback to make the best decision possible for all Airdrie students.”

The Board aims to make a decision at its April 25, 2024, public meeting, which would take effect at the start of the 2025/26 school year, providing some time for families and staff to transition. Given the current overutilization of some schools, changes may need to be implemented as early as the 2024/25 school year for specific schools.

“We thank those who have taken the time to review the comprehensive information provided on RVSEngage and submitted early feedback,” said Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach. “We look forward to hearing from more of the Airdrie community over the next couple of months to provide the Board with as much information as possible to help inform this important decision.”

[RVSEngage](#) serves as the main resource for timely information and online feedback opportunities. More information about [Space for Students](#) is available on the RVS website.

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