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RE: RVS Announces Public Engagement for Potential Student Accommodation Changes in Chestermere

Rocky View Schools (RVS) will host a public consultation and online engagement to assist in deciding potential changes to grade configurations at East Lake School and attendance boundary changes in some Chestermere communities.

Chestermere's growth has increased student enrolment year after year, pushing most schools in the city to capacity. As a community, RVS' Chestermere schools were 98 per cent utilized during the 2023/24 school year. Additional modular classrooms will be added in the next few years to provide some relief, but utilization will still be well over capacity.

Changes are needed to make the best use of available learning spaces and support this growth for all students attending Chestermere schools while RVS waits for new schools to be built in the community.

During the consultation, the Board is seeking feedback on the following proposed solution:

- East Lake School's English program expands from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to Kindergarten to Grade 9.
- Christian and French Immersion programs for Kindergarten to Grade 6 remain at East Lake School while the Christian and French Immersion programs for Grades 7 to 9 would continue to be offered at Chestermere Lake Middle School only.
- Communities of Chelsea, Bridgeport commercial, Waterford, Waterford Estates and Paradise Meadows are redesignated from attending East Lake School to attend Rainbow Creek Elementary School.
- North Acreages area is redesignated from attending East Lake School to attend Prairie Waters Elementary School.
- Clearwater Park community is designated to attend Rainbow Creek Elementary School.
- Bridgeport North is designated to attend Prairie Waters Elementary School.

Parents/guardians and community members are invited to provide their input at a meeting at Chestermere Lake Middle School (128 W Lakeview Drive, Chestermere) on Oct. 22. A presentation will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., followed by an opportunity to share your thoughts with RVS staff during a table discussion. Written feedback is being collected through RVSEngage.com until Nov. 26.

The Board also provides an opportunity for the public to share their thoughts directly by presenting as a delegation at a public meeting (please see [Board Policy 7 – Board Operations \(Section 7\)](#)). Delegations to the Board on this matter are scheduled for Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the RVS Education Centre (2651 Chinook Winds Drive S.W., Airdrie) or online via Zoom at <https://rockyview.zoom.us/my/rvsboard>. Requests to present on Dec. 12 must be received by noon on Dec. 4 c/o Greg Luterbach, Superintendent of Schools, at 2651 Chinook Winds Drive S.W., Airdrie, T4B 0B4 or suptoffice@rockyview.ab.ca.

The Board welcomes all feedback and anticipates making a decision on these changes during its public meeting on Jan. 23, 2025 (subject to change). A notice will be issued to those who are impacted by any decision following the meeting. Please visit RVSEngage.com for more information.

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