



South-Central School Redesignation Plan – Changes at Elboya School

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This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wichîspa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

Introductions



- Nancy Close, Trustee, Wards 11 & 13
- Joanne Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools
- Dany Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
- Dr. Mike Nelson, Superintendent, School Improvement
- Dr. Jennifer Turner, Superintendent, School Improvement
- David Dyck, Education Director, Area 7, Well-Being
- Kenny Yeung , Education Director, Area 6, Alternative Programs
- Martine Sawatzky, Education Director, Area 2, Languages
- Catherine Ford, Director, Planning
- Aliko Avdicos, Principal, Elboya School
- Karen Drummond, Manager, Community Engagement
- Brooke Boser, Planning Analyst
- Adele Lowther, Community Engagement Advisor

Agenda



- Principles of Participation
- Purpose of Session
- Why is There a New Plan?
- Current Situation
- The New Plan to Improve the Current Situation
- Changes at Elboya School
- Transportation
- Next Steps
- Questions
- Closing Remarks

Principles of Participation



- Respect above all else
- All participants and staff should feel safe
- Speak one at a time
- We balance air-time fairly

Without these, the session will close

Purpose of Session



- Share information with you about the new plan.
- Answer questions you may have about the plan.

Why is There a New Plan?



- Slower growth than anticipated in end-of-September 2024 enrolment count.
- An oversight was uncovered, revealing some smaller-than-ideal class sizes at Elboya School.
- End-of-September 2024 enrolment data showed grade configuration change would be feasible.

Why is There a New Plan?



- Further analysis showed:
 - the original plan could not be adjusted to sufficiently address class size
 - status quo is not a long-term option
 - implementation could be phased in
- A new plan has been developed that continues to address the original reasons for balancing enrolment at schools in south-central Calgary.

Current Situation



- Elboya and Rideau Park schools are over-utilized with enrolment capped.
- Chinook Park and Woodman schools are under-utilized.
- Bel-Aire School was returned to CBE use, adding 200+ student spaces in the area.
- Home Education currently operates out of Windsor Park School.

Current Situation



- Since 2010, the number of CBE students in the Windsor Park community has increased 134 per cent (79 in 2010 to 185 in 2024).
- The Windsor Park community is expected to grow in the foreseeable future.
- 43 K-6 students living in Bel-Aire, Mayfair, and Meadowlark Park attend CBE schools.



Rationale for Changes



Support student success



Open 200+ much-needed student spaces



Provide a more equitable learning experience for students by removing caps and overflows at some schools and increasing enrolment at others

Proposed Relocation of CBE Home Education



- The CBE is recommending Home Education be relocated to Bel-Aire School. This decision will be made by the Board of Trustees.
- Allows the CBE to continue offering this quality program to students and families while also effectively balancing enrolment at schools in the area.
- Results in a more equitable learning experience for students at schools in south-central Calgary.

Changes Possible with Relocation of Home Education

- Grade configuration change
- Redesignations

Britannia, Elboya, Manchester Parkhill and Windsor Park

K-4 regular program



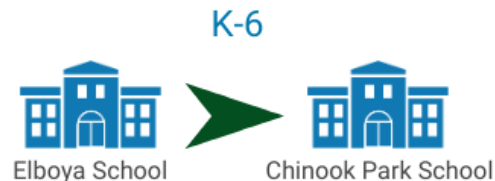
Inglewood

Grade 7-9 regular program



Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park

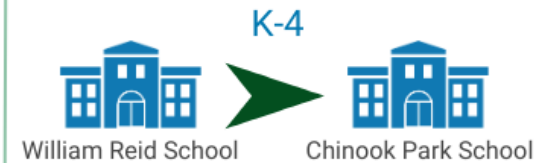
Regular program



Grade 7-9



French Immersion programs



Why This Plan is Better for Students Overall



- Flexibility for students to remain at current school.
- Less disruption overall, with fewer than half the number of students impacted in new plan.
- Students living in Windsor Park and Elboya stay together.
- Capitalizes on the proximity of Elboya and Windsor Park schools (only 1.1 km apart).
- Fewer students bussed out of communities.

Britannia, Elboya, Manchester, Parkhill & Windsor Park – Regular Program



K-4 students currently designated to Elboya School are redesignated to Windsor Park School.

- 2025-26 school year: K-3 regular-program students move to Windsor Park School. Grade 4 regular-program students remain at Elboya School.
- 2026-27 and beyond: K-4 regular-program students are designated to Windsor Park School.

No changes for Grade 5-9 regular-program or French Immersion Program students currently designated to Elboya School.

Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park – Regular Program



K-6 students are redesignated to Chinook Park School. Grade 7-9 students are redesignated to Woodman School.

In the 2025-26 school year,

- All K-3 students move to Chinook Park School
- Students entering Grades 4-6 who currently attend Elboya School can choose to attend Chinook Park School or to remain at Elboya School until they graduate
- Students entering Grades 7-9 who currently attend Elboya School can choose to attend Woodman School or to remain at Elboya School. Remaining at Elboya School means being an out-of-attendance-area student.

Bel-Aire, Mayfair and Meadowlark Park – Early and Late French Immersion Programs

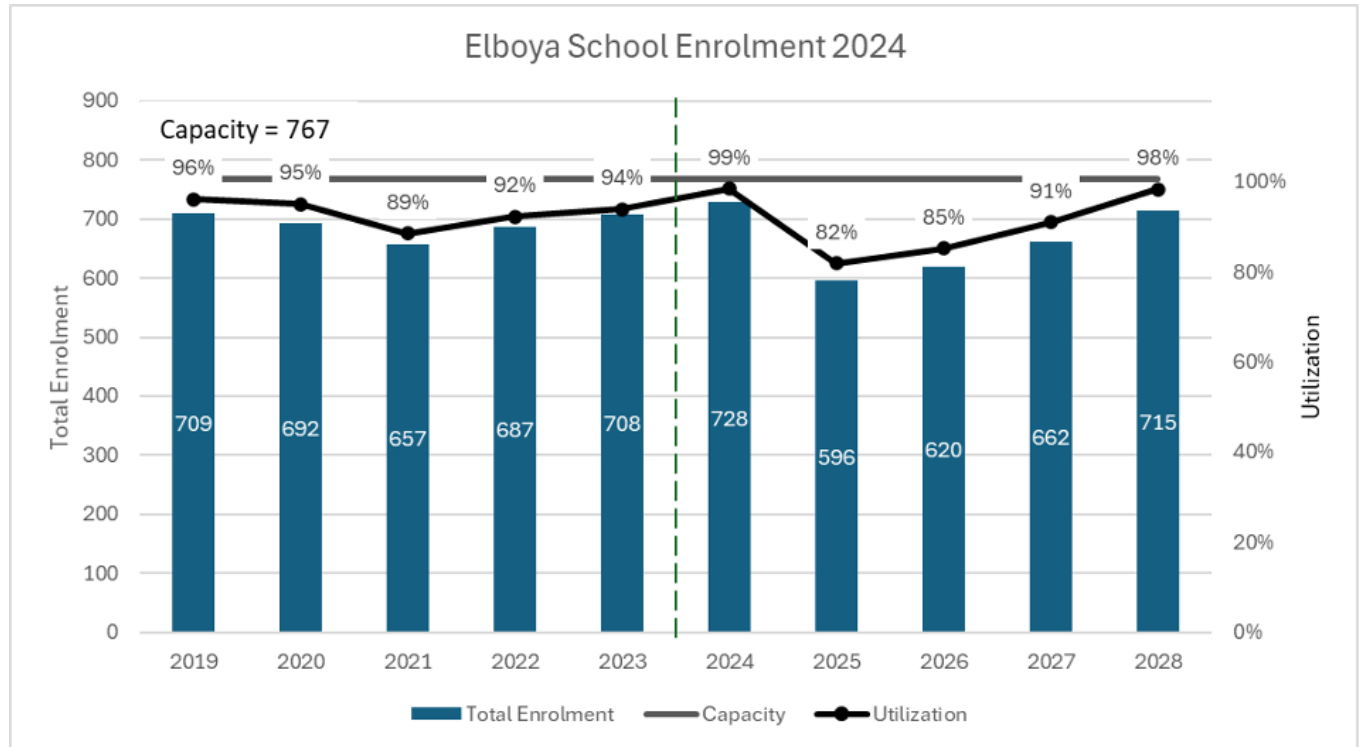


K-6 students are redesignated to Chinook Park School. Grade 7-9 students are redesignated to Woodman School.

In the 2025-26 school year,

- Students entering Grade 6 and currently attending Elboya School may choose to attend Chinook Park School or to remain at Elboya School.
- Students entering Grade 7-9 and currently attending Elboya School may choose attend Woodman School or to remain at Elboya School.
- Students currently attending William Reid may attend until they graduate or go to Chinook Park, but will attend Chinook Park for Grades 5 and 6.

Enrolment Projection – Elboya School



Rationale for Changes at Elboya School



Elboya and Windsor Park schools are in close proximity, approximately 1.1 km apart. Many students are within the walk zone for both schools. Those who are outside the walk zone are eligible for busing.



Relieves pressure on Elboya School, enabling the removal of the current regular-program enrolment cap and providing students and families with certainty about the schools they will attend.



The communities who have grown together at Elboya School still with the opportunity to grow together at Windsor Park School and then Elboya School.

Transportation



- Service provided to students who live outside their school's walk zone and are attending their designated school.
- When there is a redesignation, any students who would experience two transitions two years in a row are allowed to stay at their current school, with transportation services.
- Students who choose to remain after being redesignated, when this option is available, are responsible for their own transportation to and from school. Students can apply to be a conditional rider.

Next Steps



- **Dec. 17:** Board of Trustees decision on commencing public input for the purpose of relocation of CBE Home Education.
 - **Dec. 18:** Update on next steps in process.
- If commencement of public input is approved:
- **Mid to late February:** Letter informing families of final designation plan based on Board decision regarding the relocation of CBE Home Education.



Answering Your Questions



Questions Received Since Oct. 3



- Why can't French Immersion be moved instead?
- Why not redesignate Inglewood to Woodman School instead?
- When will details about bell times, kindergarten, before and after school care options, etc. for Windsor Park School be available?
- What supports will be provided K-3 students moving to a new school?

Questions Received Since Oct. 3



- Why aren't you gathering feedback on the plan?
- Who decides on redesignation plans?
- What is the CBE Board of Trustees deciding?

An updated FAQ will be available on our website on Nov. 25.

Closing Remarks



- David Dyck, Education Director, Area 7 and Well-Being

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