



November 26, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of French Immersion Students,

Rocky View Schools is pleased to announce the opening of two new schools in Airdrie in September 2016: **H. Lorimer School**, a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school (opening K-7) in the community of King's Heights; and **Cooper's Crossing School**, a Kindergarten to Grade 4 school (opening K-3) in the community of Cooper's Crossing. Additionally, a new Kindergarten to Grade 8 school in the community of Windsong is scheduled for opening September 2017. With these new school openings, Airdrie's French Immersion (FI) program has the opportunity to expand and grow.

Following an extensive consultation process last June, the Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a new elementary FI program at A.E. Bowers School for September 2016. With this change, the grade structure of École Edwards and École Airdrie Middle Schools will be modified. Details on these changes are as outlined below:

1) The attendance area for A.E. Bowers French Immersion program includes the communities of: *Prairie Springs, Cooper's Crossing, Windsong, South Windsong, Hillcrest, Morningside, Bayview, Bayside, Baysprings, Luxstone, Summerhill, Waterstone, Ridgeway, Edgewater, and Airdrie Meadows*. All other communities continue to be designated to École Edwards Elementary. Please see the attached map.

2) The change of grade structure for both English and FI programs will be as follows:

September 2016	A.E. Bowers	Kindergarten - Grade 4
	École Edwards	Kindergarten - Grade 5
	École Airdrie Middle	Grades 6 - 8
September 2017	A.E. Bowers	Kindergarten - Grade 5
	École Edwards	Kindergarten - Grade 5
	École Airdrie Middle	Grades 6 - 8

3) All Grade 4 FI students attending École Edwards for the 2015-2016 school year will continue at École Edwards for the 2016-2017 school year.

To help ensure a smooth transition for all students and their families, please be aware of the following:

- There is no need to register your child(ren) in their new school as pre-registration will have been completed for each student by their current school.
- During RVS' Advance Registration Week (January 11 - 15, 2016), all Kindergarten and new FI students will register at École Edwards for both Edward's and A.E. Bowers' FI Program.
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 student bus stops are provided at locations about 1.5 kilometers or greater from their designated school, and grade 9 to 12 student bus stops are provided at locations about 2 kilometers or greater from their designated school. All students who have an urban bus pass can access

transportation services at these stop locations. Parents can apply for a bus pass with RVS' Transportation Department by visiting <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/transportation>. If additional information is required regarding bussing, please call RVS' Transportation Department at 403.945.4125.

If you wish to have your child to attend a school other than his/her designated school, you may apply for an 'Out-of Attendance Area Application' at the requested school. To be considered, this application must be received prior to April 1, 2016. **All out-of-attendance area applications will be considered after April 1, 2016. Applying as out-of-attendance does not guarantee acceptance.**

If your child is currently an 'Out-of-Attendance Area' student and wishes to remain at their current school, you need to confirm this status in writing to the school via a letter to the school Principal by April 1, 2016.

Special transition activities will be held by your child's current school to ensure all students make a seamless and exciting transition. Watch for these activities to be announced by your school.

We look forward to opening these new schools and the opportunities they create for educating residents of Rocky View Schools. If you have any questions regarding the attendance boundaries or registration processes, you may contact Mr. Ira Stroh, Director of Schools for Airdrie, by calling (403) 945-4014 or email: istroh@rockyview.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Don Hoium,
Superintendent of Schools

