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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I am writing to inform you of Rocky View Schools' new student accommodation plan for Chestermere students. As was shared at our recent public consultation meetings, Nov. 27, 2018, and Mar. 27, 2019, there are currently four schools in Chestermere accommodating K – Gr. 9 students: Rainbow Creek Elementary School, Prairie Waters Elementary School, East Lake School and Chestermere Lake Middle School. Each of these schools has a current utilization rate of between 86 – 94 percent, with East Lake School projected to be over capacity by September 2019.

With the student population in Chestermere projected to increase annually by approximately 250 students, and a lack of approved modular units, some changes are required to accommodate students.

Based on the desire of parents to ensure RVS' youngest students are served in their community and that peer groups move together, effective Sept. 1, 2019, the grade structure for schools serving K – Gr. 9 students in Chestermere will be:

	2019/20	2018/19
Prairie Waters Elementary School	K – Gr. 6	K – Gr. 5
Rainbow Creek Elementary School	K – Gr. 6	K – Gr. 5
East Lake School	K – Gr. 6	K – Gr. 9
Chestermere Lake Middle School	Gr. 7 – 9	Gr. 6 – 9

Kindergarten to Gr. 6 students enrolled in French Immersion will continue at East Lake School, while those in French Immersion at the Gr. 7 – 9 level will move to Chestermere Lake Middle School.

Students will automatically be enrolled in their new school and transportation services will be made available for any students residing 1.5 km or further from their designated school. New families requiring transportation services are encouraged to [register](#) their child for services prior to the end of the year. Transition planning for students affected by this change will get underway shortly, with announcements made to parents by their child's receiving school.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as our Board worked through the process. If you have any questions, please contact Area Director of Schools Sharon Rhodes at 403.945.4019.

Sincerely,

Todd Brand
Board Chair