

# DIRECTIVE FOR ACTION



TO: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**Item:** Kathryn/Irricana/Beiseker Attendance Area Consultation

**Date of Meeting:** October 31, 2019

**Background:**

Kathryn School, a small community school located in the northeast area of Rocky View Schools, accommodates kindergarten to grade 8 students.

Enrolments at Kathryn have been steady for the last four years, though not strong. Kathryn School has a 52% utilization rate, which is not expected to increase unless accommodation changes are made. Enrolments have also been decreasing at Beiseker School, yet the school is still at a reasonable 79% utilization. Kathryn students feed into Beiseker School at Grade 9.

A variety of issues need to be addressed in this area, including:

- The options and choice for students from the Kathryn, Irricana and Beiseker areas as students and families looking at program offerings, transportation services and the school community before making their decision regarding where students attend school.
- A transportation exemption is in place for students in the Prairie Royal area.
- The boundary for schools in Chestermere include rural students, which may prefer to attend a rural school.

<b>Kathryn School</b>										
	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2014</b>	19	19	23	28	26	23	23	22	21	204
<b>2015</b>	18	20	19	22	26	29	24	17	19	194
<b>2016</b>	16	17	18	15	22	22	25	18	14	167
<b>2017</b>	16	15	17	19	15	21	22	24	16	165
<b>2018</b>	13	22	14	18	19	16	20	17	23	162
<b>2019</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>162</b>

<b>Beiseker School</b>														
	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2014</b>	20	26	25	20	26	18	14	24	19	28	29	39	41	329
<b>2015</b>	10	26	24	28	23	25	20	15	25	32	25	30	35	318
<b>2016</b>	18	18	27	25	31	22	24	23	15	42	32	23	26	326
<b>2017</b>	13	22	18	28	25	26	22	27	23	21	36	32	22	315
<b>2018</b>	11	16	22	17	20	21	21	23	21	26	19	33	31	281
<b>2019</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>296</b>

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**Current Status:**

RVS Administration would like to consult with families, schools and the communities in order for RVS to be able to make an informed decision. After the consult, RVS Administration will bring feedback and their recommendation(s) to the Board by April 2, 2020.

**Alternatives:**

**Alternative I:**

The Board of Trustees directs administration to conduct a level two consultation process as per Policy 25 - Community Engagement to discuss accommodation strategies for Kathryn, Irricana and Beiseker communities and schools and bring back recommendations by April 2, 2020.

**Alternative II:**

The Board of Trustees directs administration to pursue an alternate course of action through Board motion.

**Recommendation:**

The Board of Trustees directs administration to conduct a level two consultation process as per Policy 25 - Community Engagement to discuss accommodation strategies for Kathryn, Irricana and Beiseker communities and schools and bring back recommendations by April 2, 2020.