



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 23, 2016

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten – Grade 4 Currently Residing in New Brighton and Attending St. Albert the Great School,

In preparation for the opening of the New Brighton Catholic school the Calgary Catholic School District is initiating the process to confirm student attendance and registration for the 2016-2017 school year.

As indicated in the February 8, 2016 update letter to the New Brighton school community, parents were advised that the scheduled opening date of the actual building will be late fall/Christmas, and a detailed contingency plan will be implemented that will include a “school within a school” model allowing all students to start and finish the year in the same class with the same teacher. To assist parents with their decision we wish to provide further details regarding the “school within a school” model, including projected location for our students based on the scheduled opening of the New Brighton building late fall/Christmas. As described in the February 8, 2016 letter to the New Brighton school community, a “school within a school” model is described as follows:

- The New Brighton Catholic school will open with their own student population and administration/teacher/support staff allocations.
- Knowing the students will be located offsite at the start of the school year, they will be transported to the alternate location. This temporary location will be located in another school facility.
- Students are assigned to a regular homeroom teacher and will be engaged in courses appropriate for their grade level.
- The class of students and homeroom teacher would then move into the New Brighton Catholic school together as a group once the facility opens. This process ensures continuity with educational programming and the strong relationships developed from the first day of school with the teacher of the students.

It is now projected that the “school within a school” location will be at St. Albert the Great School. In addition, if student enrolment is high enough to warrant additional space, the District will review options of modular usage on the New Brighton school site.

In a letter to parents dated June 18, 2015 regarding boundaries for the New Brighton school, a decision for students residing in south Cranston was deferred. The letter stated:

- *K-5 students residing in New Brighton currently attending St. Albert the Great School move to New Brighton school.*
- *New Brighton school students, from opening school date, will be able to request to attend St. Albert the Great pending room and resources – no transportation provided.*

As indicated in our February 8 update letter, we are now seeking your input with respect to the preference that you and your child have with respect to the above option. While the "school within a school" model is new for some parents, there is a tremendous opportunity for students who comprise the inaugural year of a school community to shape the character, spirit, culture and climate of the new school. Parents are encouraged to consider this opportunity in making their decision for next year. Please note that in order to allow us to plan appropriately for staff and resources, we are looking for an expression of intent for **the entire school year**.

Please complete the tear-off section at the bottom of this letter and return it to school with your child on or before February 29. Information collected will be used to determine placement for students in Grades 1-5 in 2016/2017.

Information can also be found our website: <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/new-brighton>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact St. Albert the Great School at 403-500-2114.

Sincerely,



Mike Ross,
Superintendent, Area D Schools

**PLEASE RETURN TO ST. ALBERT THE GREAT SCHOOL
ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

Student's Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

- I would prefer my child attend the New Brighton school for the 2016/2017 school year.
(Transportation provided for eligible students based on regular district procedures)
- I would prefer my child attend St. Albert the Great School for the 2016/2017 school year.
(No transportation will be provided)

Parent signature