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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Rocky View Schools is pleased to announce the opening of a new school in Cochrane in September 2016: **RancheView School**, a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school (opening K-7) in the community of Sunset Ridge. Additionally, a new Kindergarten to Grade 8 school in the community of Fireside is scheduled to open September 2017.

We are very excited that these new schools will help alleviate overcrowding in our Cochrane schools. The introduction of new attendance boundaries to accommodate these schools will ultimately mean many families will be required to move their child(ren) to a new school. New attendance boundaries were set last June by the Board of Trustees following an extensive consultation process with our Cochrane communities. Please refer to the attached summary which identifies school designations by community. If your community is not mentioned in the following pages, your child will continue to attend their currently designated school.

To help ensure a smooth transition for all students and their families, Rocky View has developed a "New Schools" webpage containing information on student registration, attendance boundaries, grade configurations, and responses to frequently asked questions. We encourage all families to visit this webpage and to return often for updated information. The webpage is located on our homepage at:  
<http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/new-schools>.

Please be aware of the following:

- There is no need to register your child(ren) in their designated 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), Kindergarten students designated for RancheView School will register at Mitford School. Kindergarten students from West Valley, West Terrace or West Pointe may register for Glenbow School at either Mitford School or Glenbow School.

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. If additional information is required regarding bussing, please call RVS' Transportation Department at 403.945.4125.

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. Manny Ferreirinha, Director of Schools, by calling (403) 945-4023 or email: [mferreirinha@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:mferreirinha@rockyview.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

Don Hoium,  
Superintendent of Schools

## DESIGNATED SCHOOLS:

The designated schools for families residing in the communities of **Sunset Ridge, Heritage Hills, and Heartland:**

### Sept. 2016

- Kindergarten – Grade 7 are designated to RancheView School, the new K-8 school (opening as K-7 for one year)
- Grade 8 students continue to be designated to Mitford School
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

### Sept. 2017

- Kindergarten – Grade 8 are designated to the new RancheView School
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

The designated schools for families residing in the communities of **West Valley, West Terrace, or West Pointe:**

### Sept. 2016

- Kindergarten – Grade 3 students are designated to Glenbow School
- Grade 4 students continue to be designated to Mitford School
- Grade 5-8 students continue to be designated to Mitford School
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

### Sept. 2017

- Kindergarten – Grade 4 students are designated to Glenbow School
- Grade 5-8 students continue to be designated to Mitford
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

### Sept. 2018

- Kindergarten – Grade 5 students are designated to the Glenbow School
- Grade 6-8 students continue to be designated to Mitford School
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

The designated schools for families residing in the communities located **south of the Bow River (Fireside, River Heights, The Willows, Jumping Pound Ridge, Riverview, and Rolling Range Estates, Bow Ridge, Bow Meadows):**

### Sept. 2016

- Kindergarten – Grade 5 students continue to be designated to Glenbow School
- Grade 6-8 students continue to be designated to Mitford School
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

### Sept. 2017

- Kindergarten – Grade 7 are designated to the new K-8 school in the community of Fireside (opening as K-7 for the 2017-2018 school year)
- Grade 8 students continue to be designated to Mitford School
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

### Sept. 2018

- Kindergarten – grade 8 will be designated to the new school in the community of Fireside.
- Grade 9-12 students continue to be designated to Bow Valley High School

The designated schools for families with children attending a **French Immersion program** (all designated French Immersion schools will remain unchanged until September 2017):

**Sept. 2016**

- Kindergarten – Grade 4 French Immersion students continue to Elizabeth Barrett School
- Grade 5-8 French Immersion students continue to attend Manachaban School
- Grade 9-12 French Immersion students continue to attend Cochrane High School

**Sept. 2017**

French Immersion students who reside **north** of the railway tracks continue to attend Elizabeth Barrett School, Manachaban School and Cochrane High. There will be a change of grade structure; it will be as follows:

- K-Grade 5 French Immersion students are designated to Elizabeth Barrett School
- Grade 6-8 French Immersion students continue to attend Manachaban School
- Grade 9-12 French Immersion students continue to attend Cochrane High School

French Immersion students who reside of **south** of the railway tracks will have a change of elementary school and grade structure, as follows:

- K-Grade 4 French Immersion students are designated to Glenbow School
- Grade 5 French Immersion students are designated to Elizabeth Barrett School
- Grade 6-8 French Immersion students continue to attend Manachaban School
- Grade 9-12 French Immersion students continue to attend Cochrane High School

**Sept. 2018**

- K-Grade 5 French Immersion students residing north of the railway tracks are designated to Elizabeth Barrett.
- K-grade 5 French Immersion students residing south of the railway tracks are designated to Glenbow.
- Grade 6-8 French Immersion students continue to attend Manachaban
- Grade 9-12 French Immersion students continue to attend Cochrane High