



Student Accommodation for the School on Powell Street

March 2, 2023

Land Acknowledgment

Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the Ways of Knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations.

Agenda

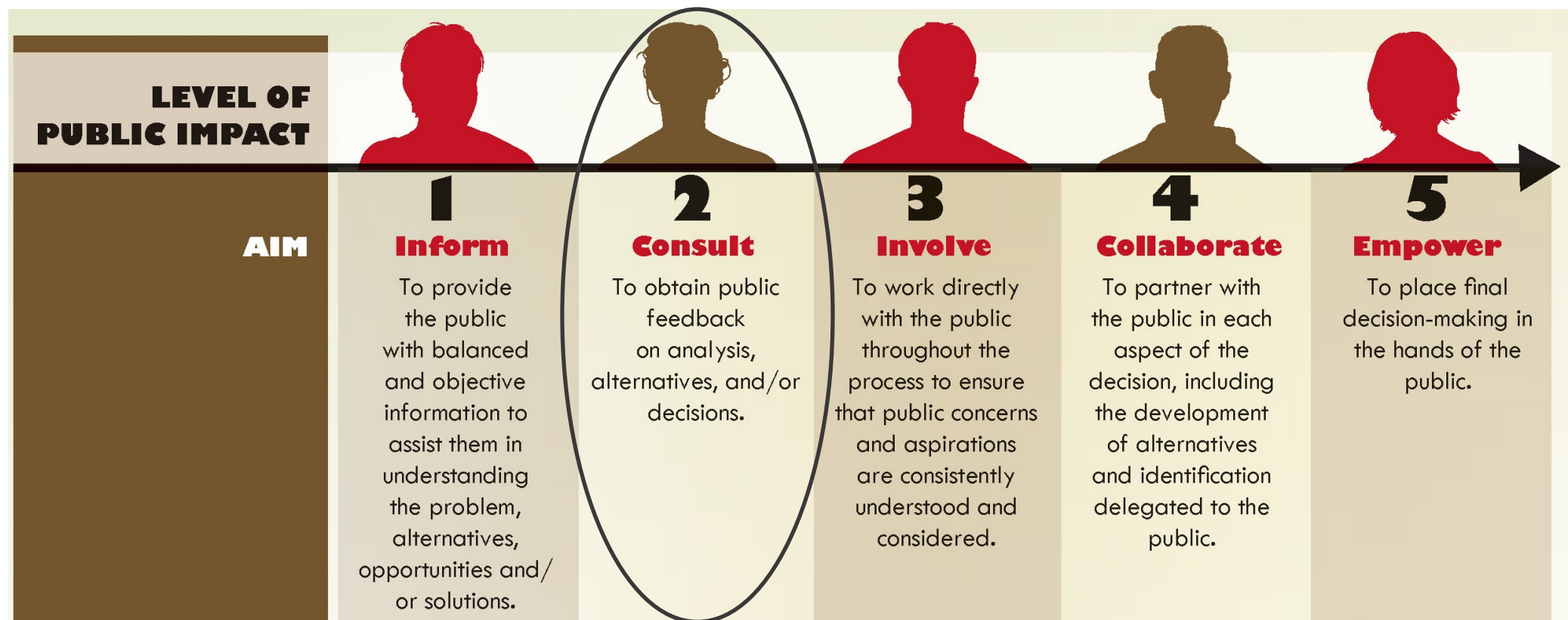
- Welcome and Introductions
- Engagement Process
- Cochrane Overview
- What We Heard
- Your Questions Answered
- Five Updated Scenarios to Attend the School on Powell Street
- Next Steps
- Closing
- Classroom Chat

Engagement Process

Roles of:

- The public
- RVS administration
- School administrators
- Trustees

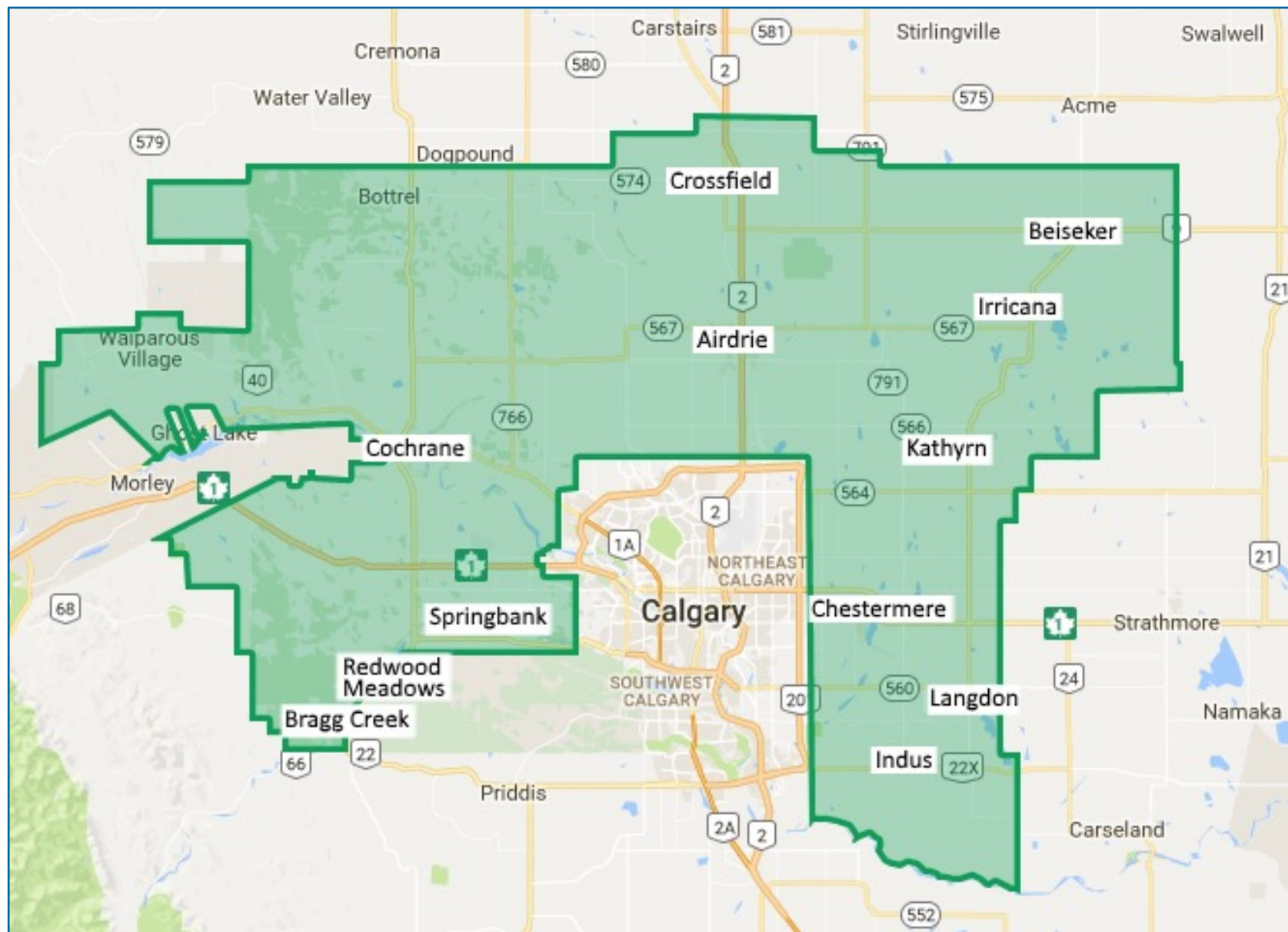
Level of Public Consultation



International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum of Participation

Ground Rules for Public Engagement

- Use respectful language
- Allow equal voice
- Be mindful of time
- Respect other people, their ideas and opinions
- Role of the facilitator



What We Heard

Most common themes:

- Minimize disruption to students
- Love for current schools (administrators, staff, culture)
- Move students from schools other than those originally suggested to the school on Powell Street
- Minimize busing impacts
- Keep students together (e.g., French Immersion (FI) with their English track friends, Cochrane Christian Academy, Fireside, etc.) to maintain:
 - Connections with their peers
 - School culture, community and beliefs
 - Schedules for siblings in the same school

Additional Comments

- Use Powell Street for specialized programs and/or for students with special needs
- Partner with Calgary Catholic School Division to use some of their under-utilized space
- Build more schools in Cochrane



Your Questions Answered

What has RVS Done Regarding Advocacy Efforts?

- Space for Students is the Board of Trustees' number one advocacy priority and the focus of a year-round campaign to convince the provincial government to approve and build new schools
- Advocacy campaign highlights since September:
 - Presented to all MLAs in RVS, municipal governments and the Minister of Education
 - Sent letters to the Ministers of Education, Infrastructure and Municipal Affairs
 - Space for Students has been featured in 25+ articles by local media
 - Presented to all school councils
 - Produced campaign materials (infographics, video, social media, website portal, presentations)

RVS expecting enrolment increase as students head back to school this week

According to RVS' superintendent, the excitement of the approaching school year is palpable within the public school district.

RVS puts full court press on province for more schools, modulars

Lang hopes that with the combined advocacy efforts of both Airdrie-area MLAs and the RVS Board of Trustees, it is right to get new schools on the province's radar.

Fiona Gilbert - RVS School Board Trustee
Yesterday at 1:24 PM · 🌐
More and more people want to live in the awesome community of Cochrane and I don't blame them!
This increasing population means more demands on current infrastructure and this includes schools! The growth of our student population at all grade levels is outpacing new schools and additional learning spaces.
Help us help students - share your voice and concerns with municipal and provincial decision makers.
#rvsadvocacy #rvsed #cochrane #AbEd

Joe McFarland @JoeMcFarland · Feb 8
Hey @AngelaPittAB and @PeterGuthrie99 - It sure would be nice if your government would start taking education in @CityofAirdrie a little more seriously. I know it's not an overpass (Ms. Pitt's favourite part of the last budget), but families would love more schools.

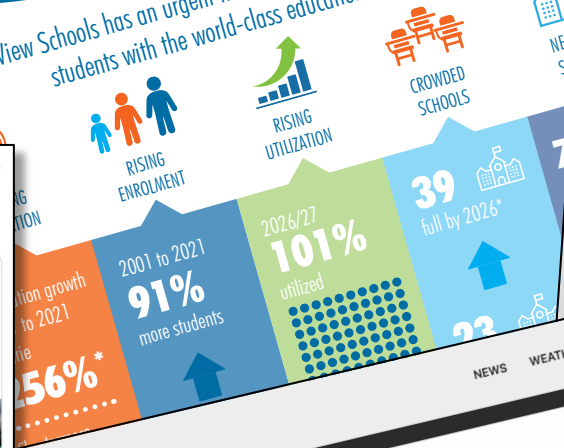
Rocky View Schools @rvsed · Feb 8
The Airdrie student population increases by about 300-400 students annually, creating the need for a new school each year or two, but no new facilities have been approved by government for Airdrie since 2019. More info at rockyview.ab.ca #rvsed #RVSAAdvocacy

Rocky View Schools in urgent need of provincial funding to keep up with growth

Written by Anna Ferensowicz Friday, Sep 09 2022, 11:00 AM

ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS SPACE for STUDENTS

Rocky View Schools has an urgent need for new schools to continue to provide students with the world-class education they deserve.



Rocky View Schools enrolment higher than originally projected

Written by Anna Ferensowicz Sunday, Sep 25 2022, 11:00 AM

Rocky View Schools recruits families to advocate for more space

Riley Cassidy

RVS trustees discuss 'scary' enrolment numbers at board meeting

The spike in "bums-in-seats" has led to some skyrocketing capacity numbers, particularly at urban schools in Airdrie, Chestermere and Cochrane.

School board asks province to prioritize building new schools in Cochrane, Airdrie

The province's 2023-26 Capital Plan includes calls for more funding from the province to build new schools in the county



How much space can be added to the school on Powell Street? Why can't you just add more modular units to the school?

- RVS is confident that four more modular units can be added to the school, but it takes time
 - Municipal permitting
 - Building codes
 - Provincial modular unit approval

What will busing be like to the school on Powell Street? How long will my child be on the bus?

- Bus rides in Cochrane are typically between 25-35 minutes

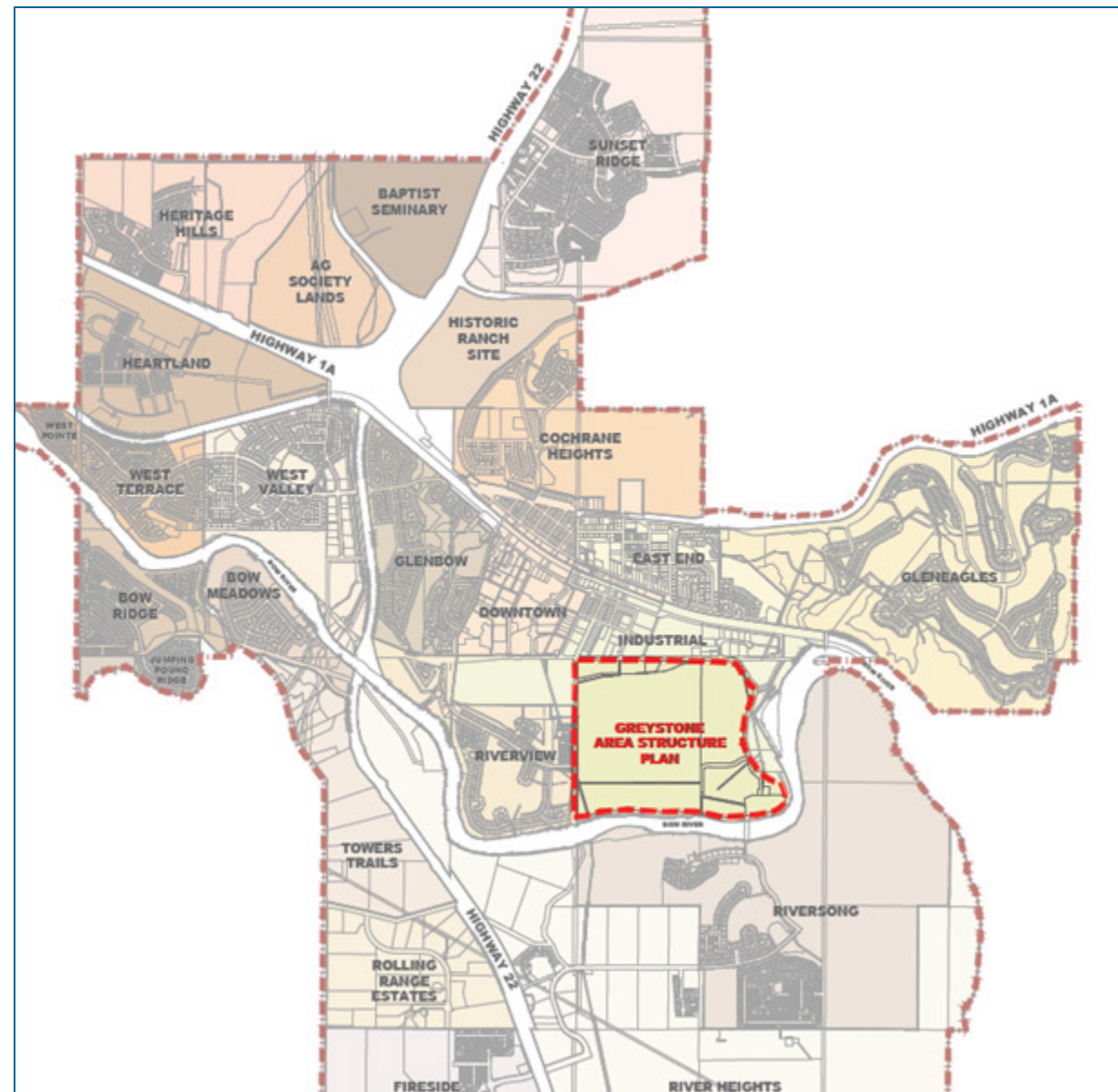


The school on Powell Street is an older building. Is it a healthy building?

- \$2.8 million is being put into the building
 - Roof replacement
 - Duct cleaning, air balancing and new Building Management System
 - Updating the washrooms, classroom spaces
- Radon – tested in 2015; one administration office found to be high. Rectified and retested in 2017; all below Health Canada guideline
- Asbestos – none in flooring or ceiling tiles
- Lead paint – outside being removed (been tested). Both inside and outside of school being repainted

Has RVS considered the development of Greystone?

- Just under 50% is residential
- Mix of single family, multifamily and high density residential
- RVS projects 200-250 K-12 students from this development



Current Enrolment as of Sept. 30, 2022

Rocky View Schools	Grade	Sept. 30, 2022	PK	K	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr5	Gr6	Gr7	Gr8	Gr9	Gr10	Gr11	Gr12	Cap	Util
<i>School on Powell Street</i>																	330	0%
Elizabeth Barrett	K-4	480		36	69	58	56	57									542	83%
Elizabeth Barrett - FI	K-4			27	40	45	40	52										
Glenbow	K-4	515		50	80	73	83	62									548	86%
Glenbow - FI	K-4			33	42	33	28	31										
Manachaban	5-8	560							56	62	82	91					560	100%
Manachaban - FI	5-8								70	70	72	57						
Mitford	5-8	319							86	67	84	82					650	102%
Cochrane Christian	K-8	367		46	46	52	44	55	41	30	26	27						
Fireside	K-8	812		70	110	109	105	94	93	84	75	72					825	94%
RancheView	K-8	645	18	63	67	78	78	77	59	92	58	55					857	74%
Bow Valley High	9-12	901											260	233	221	187	920	102%
Cochrane High	9-12	1,013											194	210	203	197	994	105%
Cochrane High - FI	9-12												90	41	49	29		
Subtotal		5,612	18	325	454	448	434	428	405	405	397	384	544	484	473	413	6,209	91%

Projections – Status Quo

Elizabeth Barrett		
Year	K-4	Utilization
2022	449	83%
2023	465	86%
2024	485	90%
2025	510	94%
2026	530	98%
2027	550	101%
Current Capacity = 542		

Glenbow		
Year	K-4	Utilization
2022	474	86%
2023	505	92%
2024	520	95%
2025	540	99%
2026	560	102%
2027	575	105%
Current Capacity = 548		

Manachaban		
Year	Gr. 5-8	Utilization
2022	560	100%
2023	575	103%
2024	575	103%
2025	600	107%
2026	640	114%
2027	650	116%
Current Capacity = 560		

Projections – Status Quo

Mitford/CCA		
Year	Gr. 5-8 (Mitford) K-8 (CCA)	Utilization
2022	660	102%
2023	675	104%
2024	715	110%
2025	715	110%
2026	790	122%
2027	815	125%
Current Capacity = 650		

Kindergarten at FTE

Fireside		
Year	K-8	Utilization
2022	773	94%
2023	850	94%
2024	930	103%
2025	1,000	111%
2026	1,060	118%
2027	1,120	124%
Current Capacity = 825 Build Out Capacity = 900, assume request for modular units approved for 2023		

Five Updated Scenarios to Attend the School on Powell Street

1. Communities east of Highway 22 & south of Bow River K-4
2. French Immersion K-4
3. Communities of Heartland and East End K-5
4. CCA school as dual campus (K-5 in school on Powell Street and 6-8 in current location)
5. CCA K-8 school

Scenario 1: Overview

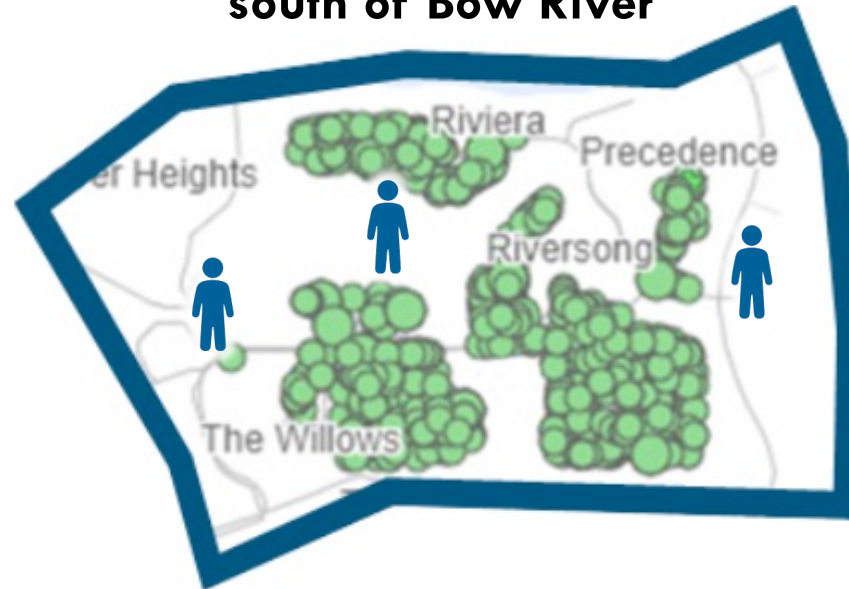
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Current State



Fireside School
K-8

**Communities east
of Highway 22,
south of Bow River**



2023



**School at
Powell Street**
K-4



Fireside School
5-8 K-8

Scenario 1

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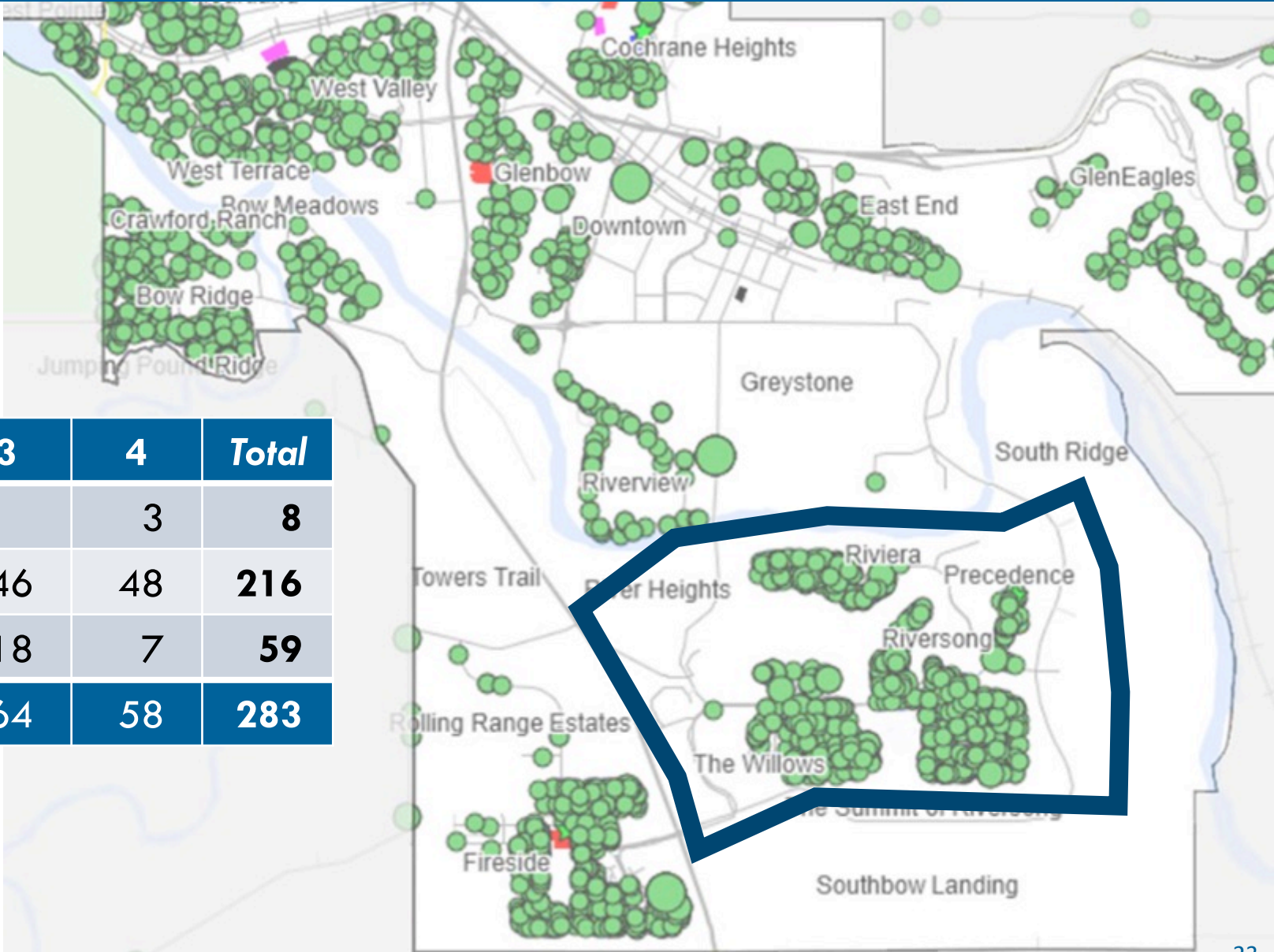
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Kindergarten at FTE

Scenario 1

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2022	K	1	2	3	4	Total
Rivercrest	1		4		3	8
Riversong	30	48	44	46	48	216
The Willows	8	16	10	18	7	59
Total	39	64	58	64	58	283



Scenario 1

K-4 students from communities east of Highway 22 and south of Bow River attend the school on Powell Street.

School on Powell Street		
Year	K-4	Utilization
2022		
2023	300	91%
2024	325	98%
2025	345	105%
2026	350	106%
2027	350	106%
Capacity = 330		

Kindergarten at FTE

Fireside				
Year	K-8 (Current)	Utilization (Current)	K-8 (Adjusted)	Utilization (Adjusted)
2022	773	94%		
2023	850	94%	570	69%
2024	930	103%	660	80%
2025	1,000	111%	720	87%
2026	1,060	118%	750	91%
2027	1,120	124%	785	95%
(Capacity = 825 and able to add three more modular units if approved by Province)				

Scenario 2: Overview

All K-4 FI students attend school on Powell Street.

- Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett schools become K-5 English.
- Manachaban and Mitford Schools become Gr. 6-8 English.

Current State



Glenbow
K-4 Eng & FI



Elizabeth Barrett
K-4 Eng & FI



Mitford 5-8 Eng
CCA K-8



Manachaban
5-8 Eng & FI

2023



**School at
Powell Street**
K-4 FI



Glenbow
K-5 Eng



Elizabeth Barrett
K-5 Eng



Mitford 6-8 Eng
CCA K-8



Manachaban
6-8 Eng
5-8 FI

Scenario 2

All K-4 FI students attend school on Powell Street. Grade 5 English students remain at Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett schools. Manachaban and Mitford Schools become Gr. 6-8 English.

School on Powell Street		
Year	FI K-4	Utilization
2023	340	103%
2024	350	106%
2025	365	111%
2026	375	114%
2027	385	117%
Capacity = 330		

Would require additional modular units.

Kindergarten at FTE

Elizabeth Barrett (Adjusted)		
Year	K-5	Utilization
2022	449	83%
2023	350	65%
2024	375	69%
2025	395	73%
2026	405	75%
2027	415	77%
Capacity = 542		

Glenbow (Adjusted)		
Year	K-5	Utilization
2022	474	86%
2023	440	80%
2024	460	85%
2025	465	84%
2026	475	86%
2027	480	87%
Capacity = 548		

Scenario 2

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Mitford/CCA (Adjusted)

Year	Mitford Gr. 6-8 Eng	CCA K-8	Total	Utilization
2022	319 (5-8)	344	663	102%
2023	260	362	622	96%
2024	275	380	655	101%
2025	305	395	700	108%
2026	320	403	723	111%
2027	360	398	758	117%

Capacity = 650

Kindergarten at FTE

Would require additional modular units.

Manachaban (Adjusted)

Year	Gr. 6-8 Eng	Gr. 5-8 FI	Total	Utilization
2022	291	269	560	100%
2023	225	310	535	96%
2024	230	320	550	98%
2025	260	340	600	107%
2026	290	350	640	114%
2027	315	350	665	119%

Capacity = 560

Would require additional modular units.

This scenario does not impact CCA.

Scenario 3: Overview

K-5 English students in the communities of Heartland and East End attend the school on Powell Street.

- Elizabeth Barrett and Glenbow become K-5 English and FI.
- Mitford and Manachaban become Gr. 6-8.

Current State



Glenbow
K-4 Eng & FI



Elizabeth Barrett
K-4 Eng & FI



Mitford 5-8 Eng
CCA K-8



Manachaban
5-8 Eng & FI



School on Powell Street
K-5 Eng



2023



Glenbow
K-5 Eng & FI



Elizabeth Barrett
K-5 Eng & FI



Mitford 6-8 Eng
CCA K-8

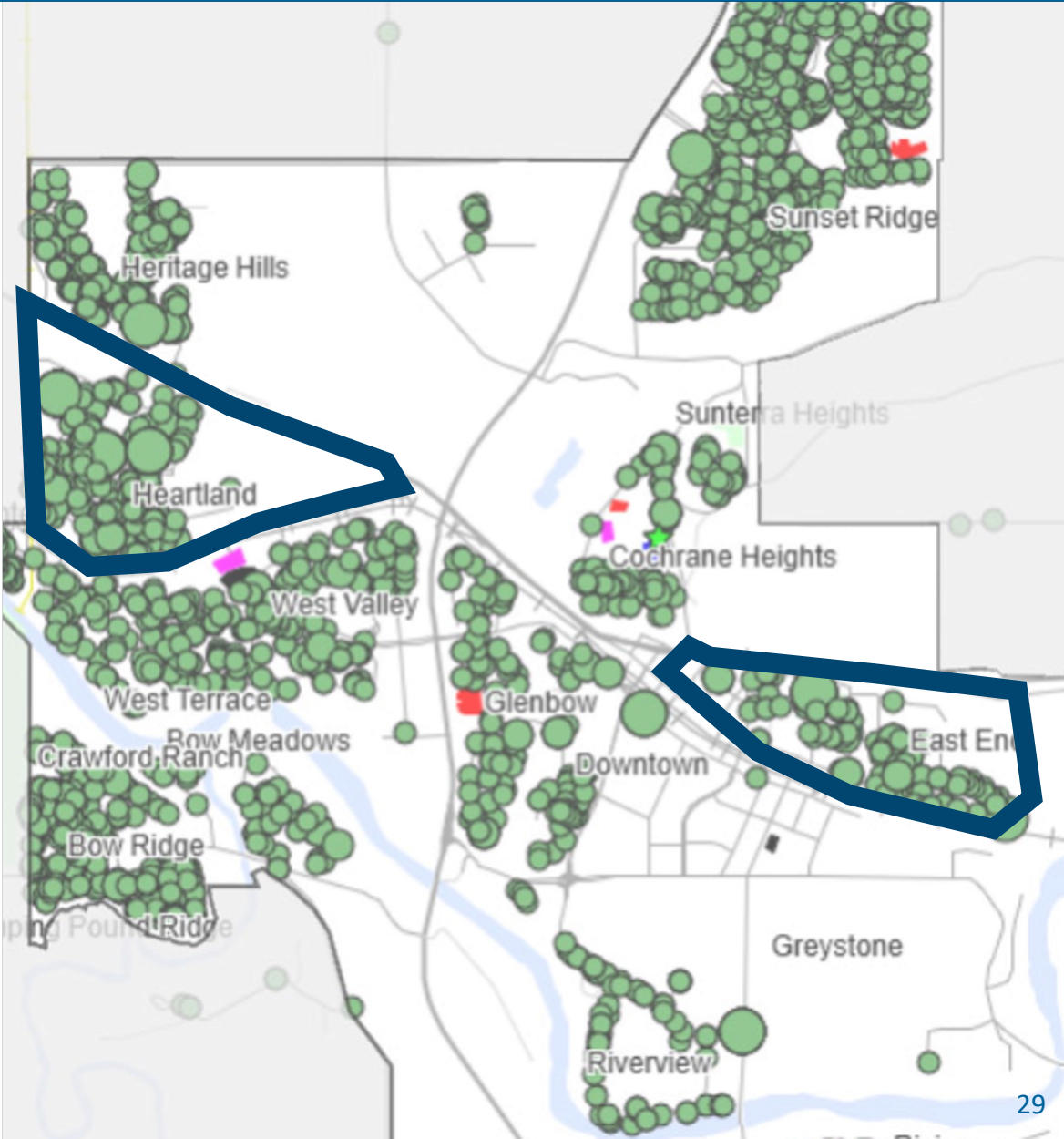


Manachaban
6-8 Eng & FI

Scenario 3

K-5 English students in the communities of Heartland and East End attend the school on Powell Street. Elizabeth Barrett and Glenbow become K-5 English and Fl. Mitford and Manachaban become Gr. 6-8.

School on Powell Street K-5				
Year	Heartland	East End	Total	Utilization
2023	170	65	235	62%
2024	205	65	270	71%
2025	215	65	280	82%
2026	240	65	305	85%
2027	255	65	320	92%
Capacity = 330				



Scenario 3

K-5 English students in the communities of Heartland and East End attend the school on Powell Street. Elizabeth Barrett and Glenbow become K-5 English and Fl. Mitford and Manachaban become Gr. 6-8.

Elizabeth Barrett (Adjusted)		
Year	K-5 (FTE)	Utilization
2022	449	83%
2023	505	93%
2024	520	96%
2025	545	101%
2026	560	103%
2027	575	106%
Capacity = 542		

Kindergarten at FTE

Glenbow (Adjusted)		
Year	K-5 (FTE)	Utilization
2022	474	86%
2023	460	84%
2024	470	86%
2025	485	89%
2026	490	89%
2027	510	93%
Capacity = 548		

Scenario 3

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Mitford/CCA (Adjusted)				
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2024	275	380	655	101%
2025	305	395	700	108%
2026	320	403	723	111%
2027	360	398	758	117%
Capacity = 650			Kindergarten at FTE	

Manachaban (Adjusted)		
Year	Gr. 6-8	Utilization
2022	560	100%
2023	430	77%
2024	440	79%
2025	450	80%
2026	475	85%
2027	495	88%
Capacity = 560		

This scenario
does not
impact CCA.

Scenario 4: Overview

CCA becomes a dual campus (K-5 in school on Powell Street and Gr. 6-8 in current location)

- FI from Glenbow feeds into Mitford.
- Manachaban continues as FI for Elizabeth Barrett only.

Current State



Glenbow

K-4 Eng & FI



Manachaban

5-8 Eng & FI



CCA K-8

Mitford 5-8 Eng

2023



CCA K-5

on Powell Street



CCA 6-8

Mitford

5-8 Eng

5-8 FI

Scenario 4

CCA becomes a dual campus (K-5 in school on Powell Street and Gr. 6-8 in current location). FI from Glenbow feeds into Mitford. Manachaban continues as FI for Elizabeth Barrett only.

School on Powell Street		
Year	CCA (K-5)	Utilization
2023	270	82%
2024	270	82%
2025	275	83%
2026	275	83%
2027	280	85%
Capacity = 330		

Assumes intake of ~50 students/grade

Kindergarten at FTE

Scenario 4

CCA becomes a dual campus (K-5 in school on Powell Street and Gr. 6-8 in current location). FI from Glenbow feeds into Mitford. Manachaban continues as FI for Elizabeth Barrett only.

Mitford/CCA (Adjusted)					
Year	Mitford Gr. 5-8		CCA	Total	Utilization
	Eng	FI	Gr. 6-8		
2022	319		344	663	102%
2023	315	35 (Gr. 5)	100	450	69%
2024	340	75 (Gr. 5-6)	115	530	82%
2025	370	110 (Gr. 5-7)	125	605	93%
2026	390	150 (Gr. 5-8)	125	665	102%
2027	415	155 (Gr. 5-8)	125	695	107%
Capacity = 650 Kindergarten at FTE					

Manachaban (Adjusted)				
Year	Gr. 5-8		Total	Utilization
	Eng	FI		
2022	291	269	560	100%
2023	295	260	555	96%
2024	310	225	535	95%
2025	330	200	530	96%
2026	360	180	540	99%
2027	375	180	555	99%
Capacity = 560				

This scenario does not impact Glenbow or Elizabeth Barrett.

Scenario 5: Overview

All of CCA K-8 attends the school on Powell Street.

- FI from Glenbow feeds into Mitford.
- Manachaban continues as FI for Elizabeth Barrett.

Current State



Glenbow
K-4 Eng & FI



Manachaban
5-8 Eng & FI



CCA K-8
Mitford 5-8 Eng

2023



CCA K-8



Mitford
5-8 Eng
5-8 FI

Scenario 5

All of CCA K-8 attends the school on Powell Street. FI from Glenbow feeds into Mitford. Manachaban continues as FI for Elizabeth Barrett.

School on Powell Street		
Years	CCA (K-8)	Utilization
2022	344	
2023	365	111%
2024	390	118%
2025	400	121%
2026	415	126%
2027	415	126%
Capacity = 330		

Would require additional modular units on school on Powell Street

Kindergarten at FTE

Scenario 5

All of CCA K-8 attends the school on Powell Street. FI from Glenbow feeds into Mitford. Manachaban continues as FI for Elizabeth Barrett.

Mitford (Adjusted)

Years	Eng Gr. 5-8	FI Gr. 5-8	Total	Utilization
2022	319	344	660	102%
2023	315	35 (Gr. 5)	350	54%
2024	340	75 (Gr. 5-6)	415	64%
2025	370	110 (Gr. 5-7)	480	74%
2026	390	150 (Gr. 5-8)	540	83%
2027	415	155 (Gr. 5-8)	570	88%
Capacity = 650				

This scenario does not impact Glenbow or Elizabeth Barrett.

Manachaban (Adjusted)

Years	Eng Gr. 5-8	FI Gr. 5-8	Total	Utilization
2022	291	269	560	99%
2023	295	260	555	99%
2024	310	225	535	96%
2025	330	200	530	95%
2026	360	180	540	96%
2027	375	180	555	99%
Capacity = 560				

Next Steps

- Written Submissions – Now to March 23, 2023
- To: RVSEngage
 - Purpose: an opportunity to provide written feedback






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Cochrane School on Powell Street

Rocky View Schools welcomes your input as we decide which students will attend the school on Powell Street in Cochrane.

RVS re-acquired the school in September 2022 from the Calgary Catholic School Division which had operated the Holy Spirit School at this location for many years. The school currently has space for 330 students. It's in need of a little facelift - our plan is to welcome students in September 2023, once renovations approved by the Board of Trustees (the Board) are complete.

A number of options for the accommodation plan will be available on this webpage under Documents beginning Jan. 27. Read them over and let us know what you think!



Next Steps

- Delegations to the Board of Trustees: March 23, 2023
 - RVS Education Centre
2651 Chinook Winds Dr., Airdrie, T4B 0B4
10 a.m.
 - Purpose: Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees at its public meeting (Policy 7 Board Operations (Section 9)).
 - Deadline to get in delegation requests is March 17, 2023.
- Decision by the Board of Trustees: anticipated on April 27, 2023

Classroom Chat

- The purpose of the classroom chat is to collect feedback on what best serves all Cochrane students and utilization of Cochrane Schools.
- Facilitators will ask for feedback on the benefits and drawbacks for each scenario.
- When considering the benefits to Cochrane students, consider all strengths and advantages to each scenario. For drawbacks, please consider any issues, disadvantages or concerns.
- If you prefer, you can provide your feedback via RVSEngage.com rather than via the classroom chat



Thank You!