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Dear Langdon, Indus and Chestermere area families,

Thank you for your patience and contributions as we work towards opening a new school in Langdon! The Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) shares in the community's excitement and anticipation of students benefiting from learning where they live when the school opens in September 2024.

At the Board of Trustees public meeting today, the decision was made to open the new high school in Langdon as a Grade 9 to 11 in the 2024/25 school year and grow to include Grade 12 for 2025/26. Starting with the 2024/25 school year, Langdon School and Indus School will become Kindergarten – Grade 8 schools. Students from both of those schools will move on to the new high school in Langdon starting at Grade 9. Sarah Thompson School will remain a Kindergarten – Grade 5 school. Sarah Thompson students will be designated to Langdon School for Grades 6 – 8. High school students living in Chestermere will continue to be designated to Chestermere High School for Grades 10 – 12.

We recognize this news will be positive for some and disappointing for others who preferred a different outcome. The input collected through the public engagement expressed a broad range of opinions, scenarios and ideas on which students should attend the new school and existing schools in the area. There was support for keeping current school friends as well as siblings together, keeping Grade 7 and 8 children with the younger grades, minimizing change for students, and continuing to make effective use of current facilities. After thoughtful consideration of what we heard and examining the many accommodation planning factors of possible solutions, the Board believes this decision best serves students in the area.

Naming the school will mark another exciting milestone in forming the new school community in Langdon. We encourage all parents/guardians, staff and students to share their ideas with the naming committee through RVSEngage. Recommendations will be provided to the Board for consideration in February 2024.

RVS and administrators from all schools will be communicating with families to support smooth transitions in preparation for the 2024/25 school year. We ask for your understanding as it will take some time to plan and provide information.

The Board wishes you a safe and happy winter break and all the best in 2024.

Sincerely,

Fiona Gilbert
Board Chair

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