

April 17, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to advise you on the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) school attendance boundaries and transition protocols that were approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on March 31, and will begin September 2015. As you may be aware, Alberta Education has approved the design of the St. Francis of Assisi Middle School addition in Red Deer, and the Kindergarten to Grade 9 St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds. However, we are still waiting for construction dollar approval from Alberta Education.

The Division plans to move forward with these projects and school boundaries changes starting September 2015. We are requesting students attend the school listed in their new catchment area. Should Alberta Education not provide construction funding for these projects, school boundaries may need to remain the same for 2015-2016 as in the 2014-2015 school year. **Please note, St. Joseph's High School and St. Gregory the Great Catholic School's boundaries will not be changing until September 2017.**

To view the new boundaries, please visit <http://www.rdcrs.ca/schools/where-is-my-catholic-school> and type in your home address, or simply select the appropriate map listed.

Our goal is to begin the transition process so students will not be impacted by changing schools for two consecutive years, once in middle school and again at high school. We have taken future high school boundaries into consideration with the new middle school boundaries. Therefore, students will not need to separate from their classmates two years in a row.

We are going to move all English Grade 5 students (currently at St. Martin de Porres School, rural students at St. Teresa of Avila School, and rural students at St. Elizabeth Seton School) at the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic school year:

- Students residing in the St. Martin de Porres School catchment area will be attending St. Francis of Assisi Middle School
- Students residing in the St. Elizabeth Seton School rural area will be attending St. Francis of Assisi Middle School
- Students residing in the St. Teresa of Avila rural area (including Blackfalds) will be attending St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School

This transition plan will see all Grade 6 English students scheduled to attend École Camille J. Lerouge School go to St. Francis of Assisi Middle School or St. Thomas Aquinas Middle



School in the 2015-2016 school year. École Camille J. Lerouge School's Grade 7 to 9 English students will transition to St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School or St. Francis of Assisi Middle School in the 2016-2017 school year, allowing École Camille J. Lerouge School to become a full French Immersion school for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 9.

Should you require additional information or assistance on this matter, please contact your school's Principal, or the Transportation Department at (403) 309-8801.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PM", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Mason
Superintendent of Schools