

Collège Béliveau Family of Schools Town Hall: Submitted Questions

Is there consideration being given to move grade 8 and higher students currently attending Collège Béliveau (CB) to other schools or are those already attending CB guaranteed to be enrolled at CB for the rest of their secondary education?

- CB will always be one of two high schools serving students in French Immersion in the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD). The other high school that serves French Immersion students in LRSD is Collège Jeanne-Sauvé.
- CB has been transitioning to a Grade 9 to 12 school since 2015. École Henri-Bergeron, École Van Belleghem and École Guyot began serving grade 7 and 8 students from their communities in 2015, 2016 and 2019, respectively. The only Grade 7 and 8 students at Collège Béliveau at this time are those from the École Howden and École Sage Creek School communities.
- Students currently in grade 6 at École Howden will remain at École Howden in 2022-23 for grade 7 and in 2023-24 for grade 8. Like their École Howden counterparts, students from École Sage Creek School will remain in their elementary school for grades 7 and 8, once a second school opens its doors.

What are the proposed changes to school boundaries for Collège Béliveau?

- We are not proposing a school boundary change for Collège Béliveau. We are proposing that the French Immersion program move to the Windsor Park Collegiate (WPC) building and that the English program move to the CB building.

When will these changes take effect?

- 2024-2025

Will this change only affect children who have not already started high school?

- Beginning in September 2024, all CB students will learn in the current WPC building.
- Find your child's current grade level to see how the changes would impact them:
 - GRADE 7: If you are currently in Grade 7 at CB, you would attend the current WPC building starting in Grade 10.
 - GRADE 8: If you are currently in Grade 8 at CB, you would attend the current WPC building starting in Grade 11.
 - GRADE 9: If you are currently in Grade 9 at CB, you would attend the current WPC building for your final year of studies in Grade 12.
 - GRADES 10, 11 & 12: You will remain at the current CB building until the end of your studies.

Where will shops be offered for Collège Béliveau and École Howden? Middle years and high school as are currently having to travel to Glenlawn Collegiate.

- Our practical arts staff are currently in the process of finalizing next year's timetable. We are always looking to enhance where we offer practical arts in middle school. We hope to offer students practical arts opportunities in closer proximity to their elementary school in the future.

Will the students be dismissed at another school location (aka to accommodate shops or home ec classes), or will students be at Howden for school dismissal at 3:15 p.m.?

- At this time, Grade 7 and 8 students take Practical Arts classes for one morning or one afternoon per six-day cycle. Two modules of Human Ecology and two modules of Industrial Arts are offered each year. Programming takes place in specialized facilities which are located in schools throughout LRSD. In 2021-2022, new facilities were added at Shamrock School and Niakwa Place School. Facilities at Glenlawn Collegiate and Shamrock School will be enhanced for the beginning of 2022-2023. These efforts have allowed a greater number of students to attend programming at a facility within walking distance of their home school. Despite these enhancements, we are still short of capacity in certain neighbourhoods, including Windsor Park. Consequently, a number of students will continue to attend programming outside the community. When this situation occurs, students are scheduled to attend a facility that is easily accessible by Winnipeg Transit. School staff review safety strategies and accompany students the first time they attend a new facility.
- As part of our Multi-Year Strategic Plan, we will be conducting a comprehensive review of practical arts in middle and high school relative to technical vocational school in the 2022-2023 school year.

Are there affirmative plans focusing on existing schools and not just a new one in Sage Creek?

- If your question suggests: Do you have a plan to mitigate obstacles to the construction of Sage Creek?
 - Yes. We will explore those during meetings on May 10 and 12 next week.
- If your question suggests: Is the solution being discussed this evening relative to French Immersion programming in grades 9 to 12 driven by growth in Sage Creek?
 - In part, yes, the growth in Sage Creek is a factor; however, it is only one of many, including demographic and enrolment dynamics for the whole of the Southeast quadrant of LRSD in both the French Immersion and English programs.

There are so many issues in our existing ones (schools) that seem to go unaddressed? I would like clarity on where tax dollars are spent.

- More information on this can be found in a number of places:
 - [Annual Report to the Community](#) (pages 12-17)
 - [Website stories highlighting our budget](#)
 - [Province of Manitoba FRAME report](#)
 - [Capital Reports Update](#)

Will there be transportation offered to Collège Béliveau from Sage Creek, for grade 7-12?

- LRSD will continue to provide transportation for students living in Sage Creek:
 - to and from CB for Grade 7 and 8 students until a second school opens
 - to and from WPC for Grade 8 students for 2022-2023
- Winnipeg Transit is available for students in grades 9 to 12. As the City of Winnipeg continues to build its public transportation infrastructure, we hope that this public transportation burden will no longer require public school dollars as a temporary mitigation.

Why is a high school not being built in Sage Creek?

- It would be difficult to make the case for another high school in LRSD at this time.
- We are similar to Pembina Trails School Division geographically and in population size:
 - Pembina Trails = 4,915 high school students
 - LRSD = 5,167 high school students
- We are, however, very different in terms of number of high schools:
 - Pembina Trails = 4
 - Louis Riel = 7
 - A fifth high school has been approved in Pembina Trails School Division. In the interim, 671 Grade 9 English program students attend an elementary or middle school.

Why not reconsider the configuration of the LRSD Monterey Board Office for interim use?

- In 2014, LRSD commissioned an architectural firm to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study of the Monterey Board Office to determine whether it would be cost-effective to convert the building into a school serving grades 7 and 8. Based on the results of the study, the Board concluded that the facility should continue to serve as a Board Office.

Why isn't an expansion being proposed for the current Beliveau building?

- Based on current demographics, square footage available, and enrolment patterns, we do not need more infrastructure north of Fermor. We do, however, require additional learning space at J.H. Bruns Collegiate – the high school closest to where the enrolment pressures are occurring now and into the future. We will require more school infrastructure south of Bishop Grandin and east of Lagimodiere as existing and new developments expand.

Will there be upgrades to the gym at CB as outlined in the 2015 planning study?

- We have brought this forward to the provincial government as part of our capital requests and will continue to make this request a priority.

Is band offered in 9-12 at CB?

- Yes.

What is the next step? What procedures are being put in place to maintain that all three high school affected by moves are not affected in programming?

- The next step is to continue our series of community conversations. If we feel that we have had a sufficient dialogue with our community, the Board will vote on a motion at its May 17 Board Meeting. If we require more dialogue, the motion will be deferred to June 7, June 23, and so on. However, we do need to decide about where students living in Sage Creek will attend in Grade 7 in September 2022.
- The high school solution will not need to be implemented until 2024-2025 which provides ample time for continued planning to ensure a successful transition.