

February 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If you attended the Engagement Forum at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School (SGTG) on January 10, 2024 you were presented with options for the relocation of students and one of the options suggested the move of grades 7, 8, and 9 to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. During the Engagement Forum attendees were shown a slide that indicated current grade 3 students would only have progressed to grade 6 by the time the new school was scheduled to be completed and therefore would not be affected by this particular option.

In the January 29, 2024 Superintendent Letter, parents were informed that the Board decided to move a select group of middle school students to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School and that the exact grade configuration would be decided at the February Board meeting. This would allow senior administration to provide additional information to parents and gather intentions from the community before making a final recommendation on grade configurations. Therefore, all students in grade 6 to 9 that could potentially be impacted are invited to attend the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Open House on February 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m, including the current grade 3 students.

This decision was not made to try and add another grade level to move to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. It was intended to address the suggestion brought forward by the community that we should consider including grade 6 students as they are seen as part of the middle school grades within Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

Parents of current grade 3 students are invited to the Open House so they have an opportunity to view St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School and the program offerings available there. Following the Open House we will be seeking feedback from parents specifically regarding the grade 6's before the Board makes the final decision.

We look forward to seeing you at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School next week!

Sincerely,



Dr. Kathleen Finnigan  
Superintendent of Schools