

**Black Gold Regional Schools (BGRS)
Leduc Schools Configuration Review (LSCR)
Questions & Answers**



1. *What is the purpose of the BGRS Leduc Schools Configuration Review?*

Black Gold Regional Schools is scheduled to open the new West Haven Public School in September 2016. The purpose of the Public Information Open House is to display information: Leduc Schools Configuration Review purpose; process plan and schedule; existing grade configurations and boundaries as well as proposed changes.

2. *What are school attendance boundaries and why do we have them?*

School attendance boundaries are created by school divisions to help maximize the use of each school facility. Each school facility is built to accommodate various programs associated with the intended student age range. Schools must operate within their building capacity and must also operate within the site capacity as defined by the municipality in which it is built.

3. *Will my child be affected by the Leduc Schools Configuration Review?*

Your child may be affected by the proposed grade reconfigurations and boundary changes. Please look carefully at the information on the display panels. Please ask Black Gold Regional Schools personnel at the Open House if you are unclear of the impact on your child.

4. *What is the Board's schedule for making decisions for the Leduc Schools Configuration Review?*

The Board is intending to make a decision on the proposed grade reconfigurations and boundary changes in the spring of 2014. Once the Board of Trustees has ratified the proposal, the changes will occur in conjunction with the opening of West Haven Public School in September, 2016.

5. *Is it the Board's intent to move my child from our current school to another school?*

If your child is in a proposed grade reconfiguration and boundary change area, your child may have to change schools. We would welcome written comments on the comment sheets that are provided as part of the Open House.

6. *If I really like one school and my children are designated to attend another school due to the boundary changes, will my children still be able to still attend the school I favour?*

Once the new grade reconfiguration and boundary review proposal has been approved by the Board of Trustees, students will be directed to their designated school. Should a parent wish to enroll his/her child in a school other than the designated school, the enrollment request will be considered a request to attend a school of choice. Acceptance to a school of choice will be based upon the existing BGRS policy and procedures including the availability or non-availability of space and resources.

7. *Will my child receive bussing?*

Alberta Education guidelines for bussing remain the same. Black Gold is required to provide transportation for students who are enrolled in schools within their attendance area and who live more than 2.4 kilometers away. If the residence is less than this distance, there may be bussing available; however, there will be a fee for bussing. Bussing to a school of choice may not be provided.

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8. Will all the Leduc Schools have similar technology available within the classrooms?

Yes, all Black Gold schools currently have similar practices and procedures for providing student exposure to technology. This standard will continue even when West Haven Public School comes on line.

9. When will the process of redirecting staffing begin?

Staffing arrangements will begin once the reconfiguration process is finalized.

10. Will Leduc have to go through another major configuration review in the future?

It is our intention to minimize school disruptions caused by the configuration review. With this in mind, we involved all stakeholders, accessed census information, and consulted with the City of Leduc Administration to create a forward thinking proposal. With that being said, it is difficult to precisely predict the rate of future growth of every neighborhood within the City of Leduc.

11. Where do I get a copy of the information that is displayed here tonight?

The information may be obtained from the Black Gold Regional Schools website at www.blackgold.ca.

12. Where do I leave, or to whom do I send, my written comments as a follow-up to this Open House?

Comments may be left at the “Comment” table at the Public Information Open House or be submitted in any format by Friday, March 14, 2014 in writing by mail, fax or email to: *Leduc Schools Configuration Review, c/o Black Gold Regional Schools, 1101 - 5th Street, Nisku AB T9E 7N3.*
email: LSCR2014@blackgold.ca fax: 780-955-6050.

13. Why is there a second French Immersion site identified in the proposal?

French Immersion (FI) student enrollment has consistently been increasing within the City of Leduc. Adding a second FI site on the West side of the City of Leduc will allow for continued growth of the program.

14. What happens when all BGRS schools reach enrolment capacities once again?

Every year the BGRS Capital and Facilities Plan is reviewed, updated and shared with Alberta Education. This is done to inform all stakeholders of the facilities required to accommodate student enrollment growth.

15. What types of new schools are being approved and constructed?

The last two schools have been constructed to accommodate Gr. K-9 configuration with student enrolment capacities of approximately 700. Due to the rapid growth of Alberta, larger schools are being built to meet the need of population growth.

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