



Black Gold School Division Pre-Kindergarten Program Changes

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The 2020/21 Alberta Education Funding Framework has made many changes to the way funding is provided to school boards. As a result of these changes, Black Gold School Division has had to review its Pre-Kindergarten programs to ensure it can continue to provide the highest level of early intervention for its youngest learners.

The Division's goals during this review were to:

- Ensure equitable and predictable access for all children who qualify for early intervention within the Division.
- Maintain small class size.
- Maintain a general 3-1 adult-child ratio and individual supports wherever needed for safety.
- Maintain access to Speech-Language, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, and Psychology services for school staff and families to support programming.
- Keep children as close to their home school as possible.

In order to continue offering high-quality early intervention, the way programs are delivered must change. Therefore beginning in September 2020, **all Black Gold School Division Pre-Kindergarten programs will only provide programming for children who qualify for Early Childhood Services (ECS) funding due to a delay or diagnosis. The Division will no longer be able to offer placements for typically developing children.**

To inquire if your child would qualify for early intervention or for more information about early development, please contact ECS Coordinator, Niki Gill by email: niki.gill@blackgold.ca or phone: 780.955.4534.

2020/21 Pre-Kindergarten Sites:

- **Calmar Elementary School**
 - **École Bellevue School**
*Designated Pre-Kindergarten site for all Beaumont attendance areas and New Sarepta Elementary School
 - **East Elementary School**
*Designated Pre-Kindergarten site for Caledonia Park School, École Corinthia Park School, West Haven Public School
 - **Linsford Park School**
*Designated Pre-Kindergarten site for École Leduc Estates School, Willow Park School and Linsford Park School
 - **Robina Baker Elementary School**
 - **Thorsby Elementary School**
*Designated Pre-Kindergarten site for Warburg School
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