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Dear Families and Guardians,

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees recently approved a Senior Administration recommendation to temporarily move select middle school grade levels to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School in September 2024. This decision was made after considering multiple options to create space at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, currently at 134% over capacity, and maintain the highest level of programming for students. This temporary move of students would be in effect for three years until the new school being built in Blackfalds is ready for occupancy with an expected completion date of the fall of 2027.

As a new school we are currently at approximately 46% capacity, therefore we have room for the additional students that will come to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. We are excited for the opportunity to add to our Golden Eagles family! Which middle school grades will be temporarily moving from St. Gregory the Great is still to be determined. The Board will look at a variety of information including student intent forms from St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School and St. Gregory the Great to determine the grade levels of students that will come over.

To assist our potential new families to learn about our school community we are having an Open House on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. for St. Gregory the Great Catholic School families that could potentially come to us for middle school over the next three years.

As more details emerge and grades are identified we will share this information with you. We expect to have this decision by early March. To view the report and recommendation reviewed by the Board of Trustees, please <u>click here</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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