

— October 2023 Update —

Making the Move

Preparing for Change

Pembina Trails is one of the fastest-growing school divisions in Winnipeg. Meeting the challenge of rapid population growth will require changes in the organization of our schools. We are sharing this update to our multi-year plan with the community again to ensure that families have ample notice and planning time. Also, a Notice of Motion was presented on October 12, 2023, and the motion was passed on October 26, 2023, that supported the implementation of the reorganization plan effective September 2024.

There are two main factors that are driving system realignment in Pembina Trails:

- 1)** The opening of Pembina Trails Collegiate in September 2023 allowed for all our high schools to align with Grade 9-12 Manitoba Education high school programming.
- 2)** With Bison Run School and Pembina Trails Collegiate now open and the population increasing significantly in Waverley West, grade-level adjustments are required in many south-end schools to accommodate this growth.

Pre-planning phase: 2022/24 - COMPLETED

The Pre-planning phase occurred during the 2022/23 school year and is now complete. This phase consisted of the opening of Bison Run School in January 2023 and the adjustment of school start and end times in 17 of our K-8 schools to maximize transportation efficiency and minimize the time students spend on the bus.

Phase 1: September 2023 - COMPLETED

Transportation: As Waverley West continues to grow, continued analysis is required to ensure maximum efficiency. School start times have been adjusted in the division to optimize our bus routes for the 2023/2024 school year.

Phase 2: September 2024

- Fort Richmond Collegiate and Institut collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate move to grades 9-12.
- Selected south Winnipeg schools will change grade configurations (**see below**).

The following schools will become Grades K-5 in September 2024:

- Bairdmore School
- Chancellor School
- Dalhousie School
- Oakenwald School
- Prairie Sunrise School
- Ralph Maybank School

The following school will become Grades K-8 in September 2024:

- General Byng School

The following school will become Grades 6-8 in September 2024:

- Acadia Junior High School

The following schools will become Grades 5-8 in September 2024:

- Arthur A. Leach School
- Henry G. Izatt School

The following schools will be Grades 9-12 in September 2024:

- Institut collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate (English and French)
- Fort Richmond Collegiate (English)
- Pembina Trails Collegiate (English)

The following schools will remain status quo:

- École Crane
- École R.H.G. Bonnycastle School
- École St. Avila
- École South Pointe School
- École Viscount Alexander
- Whyte Ridge School

Benefits to Students

Grade 6

- Access to new programming, facilities and specialist teachers that are typically not available in kindergarten to Grade 6 schools.
- Greater variety in daily scheduling, extra-curricular programming and school events that are all suited to young adolescents.

Grade 9

- Students within a neighbourhood will no longer be split between middle years schools.
- Students will be able to access a greater variety of courses.
- Greater variety in daily scheduling, extra-curricular programming and school events that are all suited to young adolescents.

Catchments

To find catchment schools by postal code:

School Locator: <https://www.pembinatrails.ca/page/785/school-locator>

To view catchment school maps:

Catchment Maps: <https://boundaries.districtintelligence.com/event/page.webGisPublic/DistrictCode/MB03>

Bus & Other Information

Transportation will be available for eligible students under:

Policy EEAA: Student Eligibility for Transport Walkers and Riders.