



January 31st, 2017

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Re: Individual Program Plan: Change of Format

This letter is to inform you of changes to the format of Grade 10 Individual Program Plans (IPP's) at Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School.

Alberta Education sets the provincial standards for Individual Program Plans. The Calgary Board of Education has two acceptable formats for IPP's; the format we have used in the past through a program called SPED, and the format we are now transitioning to that is developed in a program called Iris. This format takes a slightly different approach in its language, structure and technological environment. Some of you may already be familiar with Iris, as a variety of our feeder schools work in an Iris environment.

Iris was designed to support teachers and students in making day to day decisions about teaching and learning. Student learning plans and learner profiles are flexible spaces for thinking and working. They center on the type of data that best serves daily instructional decision-making. Teachers can use Iris to support intentional, responsive programming for all students, while also meeting accountabilities to Alberta Education.

We have been transferring student data for Grade 10 students IPP's into Iris and are ready to use Iris at the start of the second semester. While the format is different, our first accountability is always to support personalized learning for your child.

Please feel free to email me, Ayesha Shaikh, at ayshaikh@cbe.ab.ca if you have questions about Iris. Also, we have **tentative plans** to host a parent evening on Wednesday March 1st, 2017, if the need emerges. That final information will be communicated through the school's syner-voice system closer to the date.

Sincerely,

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Credit Recovery and Social Studies Teacher

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Principal,