

CAMROSE OUTREACH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

As you all are aware, Battle River School Division is faced with difficult budgetary constraints that have been impacting schools and services for the past two years, and will continue for the foreseeable future. These constraints are resulting in changes to staffing, programming and how the Division will provide services for the 2020/2021 school year.

One of those changes is impacting Camrose Outreach School and Battle River Online. Currently, Battle River Online and Home Education operate from a space on the west end of Chester Ronning School. Camrose Outreach School provides face-to-face instruction at the Recreation Centre. These two programs will be amalgamated next year, into a new hybrid model that will include on-line, blended and face-to-face programming. This new alternative learning environment will be located at the Recreation Centre, where Camrose Outreach currently operates. It's likely the new program will also have a new name.

All **full-time, non-blended** students of the on-line school, **all** of the home school students and the **currently registered** students of the outreach school will automatically be able to continue in their programs once they fill out registration forms, which will be available in June. However, there will be a new referral process for students who are interested in the new model, or are wanting a blended program from their home school.

Staffing for the new program will look different. Teachers from the two schools are currently working through an application process, if they are interested in continuing to teach in the new program. The Division will have more news on this process within the next week. They will also have information regarding support staff hours.

I am excited to say that I will be the Principal of this new program. I want to reassure all of you that there will be familiar faces, and we are excited to welcome you through the doors, as soon as we are able to.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school at 780-672-2205 between 9-3 on regular school days.

Yours truly,

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