



## Personalized Learning Contributes to Strong Results

The work teachers do is critical to student success every day, but I am reminded of the important contribution our teachers make when we announce the results of our Diploma exams and Provincial Achievement tests each year.

This year our results will be announced on Oct. 5, which also happens to be World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day shines the spotlight on teachers, who are instrumental in helping students achieve strong academic results.

We know that our teachers work in the classroom every single day to make learning relevant and meaningful for each student. Our approach to personalized learning means that our teachers understand that each student learns differently, and are committed to teaching the way each student learns best.

Our approach also means that the success of our students extends far beyond academic results. We want our students to graduate as well-rounded, contributing members of society. That means that while we celebrate 10 years of strong academic results, they represent only one measure of student success.

But these results do provide us with a snapshot of student achievement, which we review carefully to ensure we continue to build on our successes, while treating these results as a learning opportunity for our system as a whole.

We know we can and must do more. We are committed to continuous improvement by sharing knowledge, experiences and resources across our system. When schools and administration work in partnership with parents, families and communities, we all win. We cannot do this alone, and I encourage you to continue to partner with us to make our system the best it can possibly be.

Naomi Johnson  
Chief Superintendent of Schools

### ***Provincial Achievement Tests***

*Provincial achievement tests are administered annually in English and French language arts and mathematics in Grade 3, and in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in Grades 6 and 9.*

### ***Diploma Exams***

*Grade 12 students write diploma exams in English Language Arts 30-1 & 30-2; French Language Arts 30-1, Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 & 33, Pure Mathematics 30, Applied Mathematics 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30 and Science 30.*



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### ***Thank you to our Teachers***

Celebrating our students and their work is one of the great benefits of being a trustee. When visiting schools, we see students who are passionate, caring young citizens who possess unique skills. We see potential in every student in every school.

While the spotlight is on the students we can't help but notice the proud teachers watching from the sidelines. Behind every creative student performance, every interesting science project and each proud graduate are great teachers.

On Oct. 5, we'll celebrate World Teachers' Day. The Board of Trustees wants to thank all of the teachers, in CBE schools, for creating personalized learning opportunities for children and youth in Calgary.

We know that our teachers do far more than impart information to their students. They are mentors, advocates and inspirations to many. They understand each student's needs and work diligently to ensure that learning as unique as every student happens in their classroom.

On World Teachers' Day please visit our website [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca) to see CBE's "thank you" to teachers and be sure to remind your children to thank their teacher.

World Teachers' Day, held annually on Oct. 5 since 1994 when it was created by UNESCO, celebrates teachers worldwide. Its aim is to mobilize support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. [www.5oct.org](http://www.5oct.org)

### ***Getting involved***

With the school year now in full swing, you might wonder how you can get involved and support your child's education.

There are many levels of involvement for you to consider.

- volunteer in your child's classroom
- join the school council
- join an educational advocacy group
- make a stakeholder report at a public board meeting
- provide input on provincial education initiatives.

Public education is an investment in our future that benefits the entire community. Our students have a better chance of success when people in our communities become engaged in education.

The Board of Trustees wants to hear from you if you have questions, ideas or concerns about public education in Calgary. You can also visit our website at [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca) to learn more about the Board of Trustees, the CBE or to acquire a board meeting schedule.

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