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His Worship
Mayor Dave Bronconnier
City of Calgary
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Dear Mayor Bronconnier:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am writing to follow-up on the October 27, 2006 meeting where representatives from the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District met with you to further discuss the initiative entitled "A Plan for the Future – Property Tax Infrastructure Plan".

Our Board has been advocating for a long-range provincial plan, along with sustained funding, to address the backlog of new schools and to deal with key infrastructure issues for some time now. We support the need to be creative and to work collaboratively with the Provincial Government and the City of Calgary to overcome existing administrative and legislative challenges in order to build schools, utilize reserve lands wisely, and modernize our existing schools.

The education portion of the property tax provides public education with a stable source of funding. We therefore cannot support any proposal based on shifting the education portion of the property taxes for infrastructure purposes.

We thank you for elevating the challenging issue of Calgary's infrastructure needs and look forward to finding creative solutions together.

Yours truly,

Pat Cochrane, Chair
Board of Trustees