

all responses snapshot

(Completion rate: 95.47%)

How would CBE students benefit from a byelection?

The 623 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Do you see other benefits to having a byelection?

The 590 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.




What concerns would you have about holding a byelection?

The 638 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.




What concerns would you have if a byelection was not held?

The 619 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Do you think there should be a byelection?





Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		38.5%	337
No		57.4%	503
Unsure		4.1%	36
		Total Responses	876

Please mark the category that applies to you:




Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
CBE student		0.8%	7
CBE employee		9.6%	83
Parent of current CBE student(s), not a CBE employee		53.6%	464
Other (Calgary taxpayer, community member)		36.0%	312

Total Responses	866
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Do you support the Calgary public education system (CBE) as a taxpayer?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		94.9%	823
No		2.1%	18
Unsure		1.7%	15
I don't pay taxes		1.3%	11
		Total Responses	867

Do you live in Ward 11 or 13?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		38.5%	333
No		54.5%	471
Unsure		6.9%	60
		Total Responses	864

Appendix

How would CBE students benefit from a byelection? |

#	Response
1.	More representation
2.	shows democracy in action
3.	They wouldn't have to suffer the newspaper and social media focussing their stories and complaints on how the CBE is "undemocratic" for failing to hold a by-election. Space would open up to focus on positive stories. As far as student education experience goes, however, having six or seven trustees for the next three years is without impact.
4.	No benefit
5.	Students don't benefit when there are budget shortfalls. You chose to make this a political item when she was not granted an unpaid leave.
6.	By having a full complement of trustees. I assume the number has been designed a certain level of workload.
7.	Absolutely not!
8.	By being represented at the table.
9.	Although current trustees insist that they represent ALL - they should in fact represent the constituents who elected them (their Wards). Students, parents and families in wards 11 and 13 deserve this representation. Spreading the "work" of this position between the current trustees just isn't right.
10.	They would not benefit
11.	Students could benefit as it might give them a chance to volunteer and see how the electoral process works for Municipal elections.
12.	Governance is important, as is transparency....if you need to ask, you don't understand that.
13.	no benefits
14.	The wards have a democratic right to be represented on the CBE Board. I am, to some degree, assuming you are asking this question because Ms. Taylor will likely run again in a byelection. Ms. Taylor resigned when she was denied a leave of absence from her role as an elected trustee.
15.	Make sure that schools slated to be built are built on schedule and that current school issues are dealt with.
16.	If parents are involved in talking about education then the system and kids benefit
17.	I don't think there is any particular benefit to the students
18.	Broader frames of reference. More people to do the work.
19.	They would get ZERO benefit.

20.	no benefit, just money taken out of operations
21.	Students in Wards 11 and 13 should have the same representation that all other students in the city have. The public elects trustees to look after the needs of their wards. If the CBE feels that the students of wards 11 and 13 do not require representation, then we should re-evaluate the need for a CBE board entirely.
22.	We would be modelling and using a democratic process to elect a trustee.
23.	Because we live in a democracy and how else would anyone fairly fill AMS. Taylor' s seat.
24.	I do not believe they would benefit directly.
25.	Another voice, point of view
26.	they would NOT benefit from a byelection. It will take away more funds from the students.
27.	They would not. What needs to be done now is carry on with the vacancy and add a bylaw that no elected position may be excused before the term ends unless they are terminally ill. In this case, Taylor tried to advance her own interests and not that of those who elected her to the school board. Commitments needs to be followed through - isn't that something we try to instil in our children?
28.	They would not benefit. Just split up her wards and give it to the others there.
29.	very little, if any
30.	No, spend the money in the schools
31.	They wouldn't benefit and the monies spent on a byelection could be better used directly for the students.
32.	I think that it would not benefit students, as we could use the money towards school projects.
33.	The board would have a full slate of trustees. Is this a benefit? Not sure.
34.	I do believe there will be any benefit to students.
35.	There would be a full board to manage the system and all parents would have a duly elected representative to represent them.
36.	They would have a representative on the board
37.	Yes because Sheila Taylor is the only trustee the fights for accountability, transparency, and fairness on the CBE.
38.	Not at all!
39.	Each trustee represents unique local experience and understanding of her/his constituents and their sensitivities. It would be as unfitting for Wards 11 and 13 to lack a spokesperson as it would be for Forest Lawn or Whitehorn.
40.	I don't see any benefit.

41.	Perhaps a better question would be how would CBE students benefit from NOT having a trustee elected and thus provide representation on the CBE from two large wards within an ever-growing city? Don't parents in the two wards where there is currently a CBE vacancy deserve equal representation with the other wards in Calgary?
42.	They would not benefit. This would be a waste of money that could simply be used elsewhere.
43.	There is no benefit to having a byelection. Considing all costs for the 2014/2015 school year has gone up. The cost of having a byelection should be used avoided.
44.	No, I don't think so. I wonder if the money spent on a by-election would be better served spending on school programs. Considering voter turn out for civic, professional and federal elections, I wonder if there would be enough of a turn out to truly represent the community.
45.	I'm not sure they would. Give the money to underfunded programs like Outreach.
46.	Unknown
47.	They would not.
48.	They wouldn't
49.	No
50.	Ooh, very interesting opening question. Knock me back on my heels before you even ask my opinion. Nice welcoming tactic. No "trying to shape feedback" in play here. None. I think CBE students would have been better served if you had given Ms. Taylor a leave. Surely the cost and trouble with that would have been less than the cost and trouble of this dithering over a by-election. The students will be best served with a board that can make a well-reasoned decision and stand up and take the consequences.
51.	They would not.
52.	Not
53.	Hard to think that students benefit
54.	No benefit
55.	I am not sure that it is necessary. The money could be better spent on schools. Sheila Taylor was very irresponsible with the trust given.
56.	No
57.	they wouldn't
58.	I don't see the direct benefit at all. The Trustees work in the background and not in the faces of students.
59.	It wouldn't, it would be another waste of money by the CBE.
60.	I cannot imagine a benefit to the students.
61.	Better board when there are an odd number of board members.

62.	the same way they benefit from an election. It is the public representation on our publicly funded education system.
63.	There aren't any benefits from a by-election. It's just a waste of money. It will be the same answer all the way through the questions. Time to stop wasting more money. Unless Sheila Taylor wants to foot the bill for causing this mess then I'm all for it. But again that won't happen. I'm sick and tired how ALL elected officials from all levels find it easy to spend others \$\$\$\$\$\$
64.	Democracy. Take it seriously.
65.	Frankly, they probably wouldn't. The role of a trustee has less immediate impact. The cost of the election itself would better be spent on CBE students.
66.	none
67.	A by-election would provide another trustee with a opinion on the school board. This would lead to better decision making and add another trustee that will generate more discussion and represent additional concerns.
68.	Don't think they will.
69.	They wouldn't
70.	CBE students hardly benefit from the existence of the trustees, however, the parents often do.
71.	They would have reduced services now because we have to spend money on a byelection,meaning we could lay off teaching staff and save costs in other more important areas. The students would not benefit. Sheila Taylor would be the only beneficiary. Me too because I sell wood for campaign signs
72.	They would have the potential of being represented once again by an excellent trustee that has a track record of openness and transparentness.
73.	Not much.
74.	I don't think students would benefit. In fact \$140,000 to \$170,00 that SHOULD be spent on their education would be funnelled to this process where 3.4%, perhaps less, of voter actually exercise their democratic right.
75.	They wouldn't benefit. The costs are too high to run a byelection. Funds should be allocated to schools. The board can function without one trustee until the next general election.
76.	They wouldn't benefit at all.
77.	There would be no benefit. I almost never have any idea who the candidate is, so I don't vote for that CBE during regular elections.A byelection would be a waste of money.
78.	No advantage at this time
79.	It is a democratic process and a vacant seat is lost voice. Make this a learning opportunity for all but especially students.
80.	They wouldn't. Better to spend money in the classroom not on another elected official who might decide to run for something else in a year

81.	Absolutely no benefit
82.	I don't think they would. I doubt most voters would know anything about the candidates
83.	They wouldn't, it would be a misuse of funds by the CBE
84.	I don't think it will make a difference to students if there is a byelection or not.
85.	not at all
86.	They wouldn't'
87.	There would be no significant benefit to CBE students.
88.	I don't believe there is any upside for students.
89.	Not benefit Money spent on a byelection would be better spent on students.
90.	no benefit
91.	There would be no benefit to students.
92.	They wouldn't, you would be taking public provided funds away from the students to fill one seat with one vote. The time until the next election does not warrant using the funds.
93.	Having a person run for the seat to be denotes that they WANT to fill the position. A voice for the people, elected BY the people is more important than any other way of filling or removing the seat.
94.	I do not believe there is a benefit to the students based on what I read previously.
95.	Not sure
96.	Representation of the wards left without a trustee.
97.	I see very little benefit and a lot of money spent for nothing. If Sheila wants back in, she should pay for a by election herself.
98.	The students would not benefit at all.
99.	Not sure if it would. Our current trustees are capable of making necessary decisions.
100.	One more voice at the table.
101.	They wouldn't.
102.	By not having a by-election, money saved could and should be spent on the quality of education for the student which is the main objective of the school board. One assume the salary of the vacant trustee can be saved in trust and build up the reserve fund (if there is such a thing). Duties could be shared by the whole board of trustee. until the next general election.
103.	Another voice from the public taking part in discussions. A byelection could be used in a very positive way to have discussion about democracy in classrooms. It is important the students understand the public education system is headed by elected representatives.
104.	Not at all.
105.	Probably not

106.	I am not sure they would benefit as the whole board looks after the system as a whole.
107.	IF students benefit from trustees then they would benefit from being represented. The fact that you are asking this question means you are uncertain of your role and your value to Calgary students and parents.
108.	Another voice on the board. Perhaps a voice with a different point of view.
109.	I doubt much student benefit would be produced.
110.	They will hopefully get the best person possible to look after their needs.
111.	They wouldn't. This is a waste of money.
112.	They wouldnt. In fact, they would lose...from an already lacking op budget.
113.	Extra opinion
114.	Defined representation. Right now, there is no Trustee in these two Wards that can be consulted on issues directly related to these communities
115.	I don't think they will. The \$120,000 estimated cost would be better spent in the classroom, especially with less than a 4% voter turn out.
116.	They would not.
117.	They won't. The current trustee group could divide the extra responsibilities
118.	No benefits.
119.	Another voice to represent their interests
120.	I believe that the historical results show that the cost would detract from student learning.
121.	They need to have a voice on the Board
122.	They wouldn't benefit at all
123.	The students would see no benefit from a by election.
124.	They would not. There is little need to fill another seat just to fill it. It would spend \$140.000 plus of budget that either could go to students (you say they are your number one priority) or to repairing facilities.
125.	I don't think they would benefit at all.
126.	I don't believe there would be any change for students positive or negative.
127.	A full slate of trustees can ensure more diversity of opinions and more opportunity for change.
128.	I do not believe that there would be any significant benefits or harm done either wayAnd given the information provided I do not think that there is much benefit on a cost analysis basis for all of the CBE (going through the expense to replace one trustee when there is still enough trustees to satisfy the Act)
129.	They wouldn't
130.	Students would not in the least be served by an expensive byelection, especially if turnout could be in the single digits!

131.	They wouldnt
132.	They would have the same representation as all other students in Calgary.
133.	I don't think that they would.
134.	I don't see how they would benefit.
135.	They wouldn't, the board doesn't really seem to think of the students first when it comes to salaries, headquarters and other ways that money is spent. I think that collectively as a board, they can find representation for wards 11 and 13 within their own unit instead of holding a costly by-election.
136.	They wouldn't benefit. One less trustee until the next election will go unnoticed but \$170000out of the budget will likely be noticed
137.	They might have more local representation, but the communication with schools and parent councils had not affected students in a negative fashion to date. Thus there really is no overall benefit to the students in wards 11 and 13.
138.	They would not. Taxpayer's money should go to educating our children, not funding a by-election.Sheila Taylor should not have been forced to resign. Yet one more poor decision by the CBE! Now you either have lack of representation or you must spend taxpayers money for another election, one that surely she will win!!!! Bad decision in the first place. BTW, why do I have to find this survey through the CBC news website and not the CBE RSS feed? Very disappointed by the actions of the CBE, yet again!
139.	It's called democracy. If a position is left vacant by resignation, a byelection must take place to fill that position. What if three people would have resigned for the Provincial byelection? Would you still have a survey or do the obvious. One or three positions does not matter, it must be filled.
140.	There would be increased representation of students by having the full complement of members on the CBE board. This may help CBE board function and balanced decision making.
141.	Not sure
142.	What a PR scam you are doing here. Don't think parents are so stupid as to know you are manipulating this whole deal. I am totally disgusted with the both of you - both Sheila Taylor for deciding to take on another position while she was elected to School Trustee and the CBE for not granting her a leave (which you have previously done to others) to take part in the October election. None of this had to happen if you had better guidelines in place1. Should an elected official leave for reasons other medical or family, they cover the cost of a by-election2. Election leave is not permitted for Public School Trustees - this should be in your rules3. Having two sets of CBE rules for people is NOT ACCEPTABLESo .. given that you wouldn't approve leave and it wasn't against the rules for her to ask for it, how do YOU plan to see these areas are represented?!!!!
143.	They wouldn't.
144.	THEY WOULDNT
145.	They would not.

146.	Unsure. Since all the CBE trustees serve all the students, there doesn't seem to be a clear benefit.
147.	I don't feel they would benefit.
148.	they wouldn't
149.	Not sure why Sheila resigned? but it is too bad that the wards she represented will not have representation.
150.	they would not...it would use funds better spent on education
151.	Good representation in their local region.
152.	They would not. A Byelection would just be another example of the cbe wasting financial resources. Students would benefit from smaller class sizes, more teachers/support staff greater opportunities with technology etc.
153.	I don't think they would.
154.	Students come first. By hosting a by-election parents of students in these wards have an opportunity for vocalization and representation.
155.	They wouldn't. Spend the money on programming.
156.	No direct benefit to students. In fact a by election may negatively impact students as a result of additional CBE expenditures.
157.	No, put \$ 170,000 into students plus the savings of not paying a person who does nothing.
158.	I do not see students directly benefiting from a byelection as there is a decision making body in place and the system is moving forward.
159.	Possibly get a trustee who is interested in ensuring students obtain an education that will lead to productive and honest employmentStudents that are taught to accept responsibly for their life choices
160.	I would have a representative
161.	They would not. It would cost more thsn a full time teacher working for a year.
162.	In only a very small way by having representation for them
163.	It will demonstrate a stated commitment to the principles of democratic transparency and accountability.
164.	They would not. I think the decisions the remaining trustees make would be in the best interests of students in Ward 11 and 13
165.	I don't think they would unless there is a specific need for a rep for those particular areas.
166.	No direct benefit other than the fact that with that position filled there could be better decision taken as a result of additional input from the product of a byelection.
167.	Full representation!!!
168.	Without a trustee, students (and families) in those wards are not represented. Seems pretty clear that the board needs to either call a by-election or, if they want to save money, invite Taylor back to her post.

169.	They wouldn't.
170.	They would not benefit.
171.	Students in the particular wards will be represented.
172.	The CBE should have allowed a leave of absence so the students shouldn't be denied of a representative because of a bureaucratic decision.
173.	There is no benefit to the students.
174.	They wouldn't. Money would be spent and taken from classrooms where it should be spent. And don't tell me that it is in a different fund. It is all about students...or should be.
175.	The students need representation by a School Trustee in the ward. Dividing the work among the remaining 6 trustees will create extra demands on them and affect the students in all the wards to fill the gaps created by the loss of one trustee.
176.	I don' think student would benefit.
177.	I do not think they would
178.	By having a trustee (Sheila Taylor) who sincerely cares about CBE students.
179.	they would not benefit it is a waste of money
180.	They wouldn't.
181.	Giving someone a chance to be a trustee who wants to be there - not just an opportunist who gave up a coveted position and wants a safety net to return to
182.	They would not benefit.
183.	They wouldn't
184.	If the person who left the vacancy had a unique set of skills that contributed to the decisions, there would be a gap left that could be detrimental to the students.
185.	I don't see that they would. Educational dollars wasted on a byelection would be better spent in the classroom.
186.	They wouldn't. I would recommend to save the money and not hold a by-election.
187.	I believe CBE students would benefit from a byelection as there would then be a trustee dedicated to the schools and students in Wards 11 & 13. Currently, the other trustees are having to "cover" when there are questions or needs arising from the residents of these wards. I would imagine that it is challenging to ensure the needs of these constituents are met along with the needs of residents in other parts of the city.
188.	I believe that we NEED someone to represent our wards as they are large and full of many students! There are issues that need to be raised within the board to deal with issues prior to the regular election.
189.	Maybe someone who has more real, authentic interest in the students and their public education would actually be voted in (as opposed to people who approve millions of dollars to improve their own downtown infrastructure)
190.	I don't think they would benefit

191.	It would give students a voice to represent them.
192.	Just reinstate Sheila Taylor. The board acted unfairly on the issue of denying an unpaid leave of absence.
193.	This is a public office and as an elected official should be again put before the public to determine who they want as their representative.
194.	We don't need a by election. You need to offer Sheila Taylor her the job. She's likely to win again and it's wasting money to do another election.
195.	I don't think they would.
196.	Depends on the role and productivity of the potentially new Trustee. Assuming a ramping up period of 6 months (average) before productivity is strong, this reduces the period of strong benefits a trustee would deliver.
197.	I don't really see how they would if the Board is currently in consultation with school administration in those wards already.
198.	Not.
199.	They wouldn't benefit
200.	They would not.
201.	I don't believe they would. Any issues arising from the wards could be handled by the remaining trustees.
202.	Given that the municipal election was held only a year ago, I fail to see what more students will learn
203.	I don't believe it would be of any benefit to students
204.	I don't see any benefit. Current trustees can perform on behalf of the vacant Wards
205.	I do not believe there is any benefit to our students. The cost of having a by election will use funds needed in the classrooms.
206.	The voices of their parents would be heard... The seat must be filled. Why can't the elected trustee simply return?
207.	There is no benefit, the students would lose, cause there would be less money in the CBE's operating budget.
208.	I do not see any true benefit to holding a by-election.
209.	The voice of constituents in wards 11 & 13 would be heard at the board table.
210.	Proper representation for their specific areas and schools.
211.	They would not benefit. A byelection will not impact the classroom at all.
212.	The CBE Students would have benefited most of all - in both representation and cost - if you had made the correct decision to allow Sheila Taylor to take an unpaid leave instead of forcing her to resign. Your interpretation of the legislation was clearly incorrect and a political move because you didn't like her. This is the overall problem with the culture of the CBE. Of course students need a representative.

213.	Part of the democratic process, wards 11 & 13 should be presented
214.	They don't. Given the very heavily weighted administration of the CBE I am positive that the other Trustees can cover this vacancy for the remainder of the term.
215.	I don't think that they would.
216.	They wouldn't
217.	Students in the vacant wards need a voice. Shields was extremely involved and open to conversation. We need a representative.
218.	these wards need representation. give Sheila her job back. she should been granted a leave.
219.	By having a trustee who cares about the students first! Sheila Taylor demonstrated her self-interest by leaving all constituents for a lofty goal, fully aware that the board would have a new challenge (financial or otherwise) with this circumstance. If she wanted to follow in Danielle's footsteps, let her go. Danielle was the most disruptive thing a board has ever had to experience. The students deserve representation - and less ego.
220.	I can not see a direct line of sight of having a byelection that would create a benefit for CBE students.
221.	The interests of every ward should be properly represent by its own trustee.
222.	They would have direct representation from a dedicated resource, rather than being forced to reach out for assistance at every stage.
223.	Students would NOT benefit from a byelection. Those monies which would be used for the byelection need to be used for education not politics. The precedent that this would set, would open the door for any politician looking for a better paying job and would know no ends.
224.	Based on the information provided, trustees from other wards would cover the wards without a representative...the best interests for all students; therefore, having a byelection would not be beneficial for CBE students.
225.	Having a voice on the board.
226.	Specific Trustee for the area.
227.	They would have a representative from their own quadrant to address their local issues
228.	I don't think that they would.
229.	They would not benefit at all. The money used for a byelection could be used in many ways that would be more beneficial to students.
230.	I do not see any benefit to students directly. The six trustees can continue to serve the needs for all Calgarians. The money should be used for the instruction of students.
231.	Not at all.
232.	Can't see any benefit
233.	No.

234.	Students in those wards will have a direct contact with the Trustees
235.	Not sure
236.	At this point, it will NOT benefit the student by having a byelection.
237.	No benefit
238.	They wouldn't
239.	they would not benefit
240.	No benefits
241.	In theory, they would have someone who is dedicated to promoting and representing their best interests as opposed to depending on others who may not be directly in 'touch' with the needs/requirements of the ward (i.e. the general trustee office).
242.	The schools in those wards would have a trustee to contact with concerns, etc.
243.	They would have representation from their ward who would protect student/parents interest
244.	No benefit
245.	Elected representation
246.	Effective elected representation is important to students, parents, tax payers and CBE employees. A Trustee represents the highest and most visible level of accountability and there is a benefit to having a clear line of sight from the student to ultimate accountability. The traditional path of consultation and problem resolution does not exist if a ward is without representation.
247.	Ward 11 and 13 need representation on the board, not fair to leave these kids without it
248.	I don't feel that the students would benefit from a by-election. If the other members can still make decisions based on the ward 11 & 13 school principals and look after the interests of the students then they should do that.
249.	Excellent example of the value of democracy and directly elected representatives
250.	I don't believe they would.
251.	They wouldn't.
252.	Not at all if the elected member just spends and wastes money.
253.	I don't believe that there would be any direct impact on students. As noted, trustees once elected support the whole system so I believe that not having anyone in Wards 11 and 13 for a period of time would be fine. In fact based on the cost and the tight financial situation CBE is in, it might have a negative effect on students.

254.	Since our Trustees are meant to serve the 2 city wards that they are elected from, a vacancy in one of the Trustee positions spreads the influence and effectiveness of the remaining Trustees across more ground than was intended. This is not in the best interest of the students in Calgary. When it was decided that there would be 7 Trustees serving for the public education system in Calgary, that decision was intended to ensure that there was sufficient man-power to address and care for the needs of all students and schools in the CBE. If we move away from that model, we call into question the decision itself. I believe that the Trustees are already working much more than the numbers of hours outlined in their job description. It could already be said that we need yet an additional Trustee simply because of the large influx of student population that we have seen in Calgary over the past few years. That growth is not slowing down; in fact it is accelerating. To think that we can effectively manage a system with even fewer Trustees than the intended 7 is quite unreasonable. If we had a diminishing student body population, that could perhaps be argued, but the opposite is the case. We absolutely need at least 7 Trustees and perhaps even more. Our student-body population rise requires it.
255.	Every community needs political representation. That includes students.
256.	IN theory, more voices make for better decisions for students. In practice, on this occasion, the cost is not worth it.
257.	They wont
258.	no benefit
259.	They probably wouldn't. As a teacher in the system for over 20 years I have NEVER seen a trustee enter my school to see what teachers and students are doing. The trustees seem clueless as to what is really going on inside classrooms. I would welcome my trustee into my school and classroom however they don't seem interested in talking to the students (or the teachers who they seem to disregard as being important - point taken in looking at their 3 priorities). If they were to visit my school (grade 5 - 9) they would have known a year ago how the students and teachers feel about the ridiculous new report cards and about the poor state our building is in. I am also a parent of two boys (grades 6 and 9). I don't feel that this school board is meeting their needs. They know who their mayor, premier and prime minister are however they don't have a clue about who their school trustee is!
260.	The new trustee would speak and represent issues and benefits of both wards.
261.	The CBE should have let Sheila Taylor take leave of absence. Its ridiculous that this by-election is even necessary.Students would benefit as they'd have an assigned trustee. We haven't had to escalate issues to our trustee yet, but have been close.
262.	Wards 11 and 13 would have better representation, however, the cost is too great
263.	BenefitTells students it's ok for the CBE Board to waste taxpayers , parents hard earned moneyShiela Taylor has already been elected to this office. Reapoint her now.
264.	direct representation (duh!)improved communications from their trusteean additional contributor to the board

265.	They would not benefit. It's another \$200K taken out of classrooms. Right away, from the way that question is worded, it is apparent this survey is slanted. Barring a valid reason (medical, family), Ms. Taylor should be liable to cover the cost of electing her replacement. She made a commitment and was duly elected, and is now possibly abandoning her post. In the real world we call that "irresponsible" and there are remedies.
266.	They would not
267.	Wards 11 and 13 would have a trustee
268.	They wouldn't. They'd have \$170,000 less to spend on learning.
269.	Every ward deserves equal and adequate representation by a trustee. Leaving a vacancy could possibly make it more difficult for a student to access another trustee to hear their concern as the workload will be increased and how is the workload going to be divided among the remaining trustees?
270.	The students would not benefit from a byelection. Any funds used for that purpose would make the general pot less and would adversely affect the bottom line for the expected voter turn out.
271.	They wouldn't
272.	There are no benefits to a byelection
273.	Representation specific to wards to fully understand issues specific to the area. .
274.	The only way that the students benefit from a by election is if the board can for once remember that the student should come first! Not money or arrangements of benefiting the board, this should be about our children.
275.	I don't really think the CBE students would benefit from a by-election.
276.	No benefit I can see.
277.	All areas should be represented at the board level.
278.	Having another person/perspective on the board to help make board decisions.
279.	they would not
280.	The needed position would be filled.
281.	I don't think a byelection benefits CBE students. I have never heard of a trustee in our ward visiting any school to see what really goes on in it. The trustee never come to see the poor conditions of our schools. I know in my children's school ceiling tiles have fallen off the in the gym. My kids, in middle school, don't know what and who a school trustee is.
282.	They wouldn't.
283.	I feel she should have been given a leave of absence without pay as she requested.
284.	I think the present board members are handling things just fine. The students will benefit more from the \$170,000 not spent on an election.
285.	choice, democratic process

286.	It's hard to say. How do students benefit from the elected board in general?
287.	The students need to know that we have someone who is looking after us, knows the problems in our area, knows the schools histories etc. We pay taxes to have this right!
288.	I do not see a benefit to students resulting in a byelection. The role of Trustee is not as a political spokesperson but as a community representative who participates in the governance of a school board with the same governance responsibilities and oversight of any nonprofit organization board. How could this role directly benefit students?
289.	Sheila is a very intelligent person, with great understanding of the issues facing the Calgary Board of Education. There should be no need to waste taxpayers money for a By Election, when a perfectly capable human being is offering herself again to help Calgary be better with It's education Program.
290.	CBE students from the wards not represented would benefit, because currently they have no representation. Parents have no one accountable to phone with concerns.
291.	they wouldn't
292.	By their parents electing a trustworthy member for the board.
293.	If there are existing issues within the wards...a new trustee could pick up where the other left off but with fresh ideas and energy.
294.	No benefit
295.	They wouldn't. The board trustees are not interested in what the needs of the students are.
296.	I don't feel that they would
297.	No benefit
298.	A byelection would not have to be held if it were not for the pettyness of the board in the first place. Sheila Taylor was not well liked by the other members of the board and they saw the provincial election as a chance to get rid of her. However she was elected as a board member with a 79 percent mandate. What do you think her electors would have done?Would they have allowed her to take a leave of absence or would they have forced her toresign. I guess I am just fed up with politicians who never do the right thing. The right thing was as obvious as the nose on your face
299.	Better representation. If we didn't need a trustee for these wards, we wouldn't have elected one in the first place. It's completely irresponsible to deny the people of this ward their right to have a duly elected representative.
300.	They would not. If Sheila Taylor wants her post back, the offer it to her. The CBE has a long history of wasting public money (please refer to your head office rent) and there is no need to spend another \$200,000 for a by-election. Please stop wasting taxpayer money.
301.	They will not benefit from a by-election?
302.	They probably wouldn't benefit that much, since there are already six trustees that could run things at the board level until the next civic election.

303.	They would benefit by having yet another 170000 in less money available to further their education. what is that - nearly 2 full time teaching positions. Clearly students will benefit from having fewer teachers and more politicians.
304.	They wouldn't.
305.	Harmed by money diverted to election costs.
306.	Students in South Calgary are already severely under represented by the Board of Trustees (in terms of the student to trustee ratio). Any time they have a representative in office, it is a benefit to them.
307.	The students would not benefit. The money sent on a byelection could be better used in the classroom. Its silly to have a byelection when I was just asked to donate money for Woodbine School to help buy computers and books.
308.	They wouldn't Sheila never should have been forced to resign.
309.	well if you don't need to replace Taylor then get rid of the whole board , right? You're saying you don't need her replaced now. This country is founded on representation and the democratic vote. The smaller the board the more likely people are to follow the piper. Use some common sense (a rarity at CBE) and hold the damn by-elections.
310.	Proper representation is required to ensure that any decisions made represent the entire populace.
311.	They would have a trustee representing their ward hence advocating on their behalf in terms of program allocation and budget
312.	They wouldn't because unnecessary monies would be allocated to the election rather than remaining as a benefit to education.
313.	It would provide the board with another perspective and opinion on how it operates. Diversify feedback.
314.	They would not. I believe, if she is willing, Sheila Taylor should be placed back in the position she won in the last election.
315.	They would have someone representing their interests in their Ward.
316.	Not sure they would.
317.	They wouldn't.
318.	No. What would it change? What benefit would it have to them.
319.	It wouldn't benefit students and would just cost taxpayers money.
320.	all schools and students would be represented by their Ward Trustee
321.	New candidates may come forward to contest the seat bringing new ideas to the table.
322.	I think that the wards would feel that they have a voice
323.	They would not. There is low voter turnout for most civic elections, and I would imagine that virtually no one would vote in a school trustee by-election.
324.	There would be no benefit

325.	The public, particularly their parents, in a large segment of the city, will have selected and have confidence in the individual providing oversight on behalf of the two wards. The students who are aware will see the importance that society places on ensuring that everyone is equally represented.
326.	No conceivable benefit.
327.	They would not. They would suffer as the 140000 to 170000 would be wasted that could be put to use in the classrooms. Why is this question skewed in favour of a byelection?
328.	Elected official representing their and their families interests in wards 11 and 13.
329.	Assuming the Trustees have some impact/influence on the system there should be a full compliment. More and hopefully more diverse perspectives with another Trustee involved.
330.	they would see no benefits just less money
331.	Hope to fully represent and support the ongoing needs of students.
332.	They wouldn't.
333.	They won't suffer at this time There are enough people who can take care of one vacny
334.	No benefit at all.
335.	There would be an additional point of view on the board when trustees are debating issues.
336.	We would have someone represent our interests in our area. I feel that in any election we need a representative that supports the needs for that division/area/boundary.
337.	They would not. The money that would cost should go to schools and students to improve learning conditions.
338.	They would have a trustee to look after their concerns.
339.	Students would NOT directly benefit from a byelection at this time.
340.	They wouldn't. More financial resources would be unnecessarily diverted from the people who need them the most - our kids.
341.	Unsure given rest of Trustees look over all CBE
342.	Wards 11 and 13 would again have a voice at the board level.
343.	Issues can be discussed. Profile of public education raised.
344.	they would not
345.	Students will not benefit. The Board can function with one vacancy.
346.	no! unless you not have this byelection.
347.	Personally, I don't believe they would -- there are still the others on the Board who, on the whole, look after and represent the best interests of all students.
348.	I don't see how by-election could help students! we have 6 trustees and they should manage without one until next municipal elections.

349.	Good to have opinions from the ward directly.
350.	Direct representation vs "coverage" by other trustees
351.	No net benefit to students would result from a by-election. Trustees are obliged to make decision in the best interests of all CBE students. It is possible no benefit would accrue to students and any benefit would not exceed the cost of the by-election and the result lost opportunity for those funds.
352.	By having a trustee representing the best interests for their respective wards.
353.	They will have another individual working for their interest
354.	It would make very little difference on a student level.
355.	There would be one more voice on the Board to make decisions regarding students. This could provide a more diverse perspective in Board discussions.
356.	It does not benefit students at all.
357.	I do not see that the students would benefit from a byelection. From what I understand, the board of trustees are supposed to make decisions in the best interests of the students and board as a whole, not specifically for their own wards.
358.	No
359.	Sheila Taylor should not have been forced to resign. There should be a byelection to replace those who forced her to resign.
360.	I don't see an election as the most pressing issue. I believe that we need to ensure students are receiving what they need. I can't help feel that there are hidden agendas as to why we are pressing for a by-election
361.	they would have representation
362.	No benefits..just a waste of money meant to improve their education.
363.	I feel there would be no benefit to have a by-election. It is a waste of money as this term is close to half over. As the rest of the Trustees have been doing the job for the last little while I feel it would be better to spend the money required for a by-election could be put to better use.
364.	have their own representative
365.	They would NOT benefit at all!! Holding a by-election would be a complete waste of money! Money they could use instead.
366.	They wouldn't.
367.	Better representation!
368.	Those wards would have someone specifically representing them, and someone who they could contact.
369.	they wouldn't
370.	Wards 11 and 13 students would most benefit from someone having their interests first and foremost

371.	I doubt there would be much benefit. A trustee is an extra opinion at board meetings, and while this would be lost, it would likely make little, if any, difference in the policies of the board. The conversion of electing trustees by ward rather than by slate was really done to simplify the election process for voters as it was easier to pick one by ward than all 7 from a very large slate. I have found the board works very differently in terms of representation than does the city council where it is more efficient for councillors to represent the issues of voters in different wards as the issues of managing the entire city are far more complex and issues in different wards do vary more than does the school board. (If this wasn't true, we would elect a trustee per ward than a trustee for every two wards.)
372.	Obviously, Mrs. Taylor has revealed her politics. A CBE trustee should not be politically ambitious but rather pedagogically motivated. Wasn't the CBE Board rendered dysfunctional and dis-banded when now WildRose Leader Mrs. Smith a politically-active member?
373.	there is no obvious, direct or tangible benefit to students.
374.	That would ensure that their districts are being represented.
375.	Very little benefit at all to students, unless perhaps the process of a byelection worked into their curriculum.
376.	The parents of the unrepresented schools would have a voice.
377.	They would not.
378.	Results of last byelection are too small to warrant a byelection. Go with the six members.
379.	Their family's voice would be clearly represented. It would thwart any resentment of the system not representing their interests, which taints the learning environment at school. Faith in the system is critical for a good learning environment. More public speaking about the values and needs of the CBE, in the campaigning and in the preparing for the election.
380.	I don't feel they would. Historically there is little voter turn out. I appreciate the work that trustees do but in my experience in working in schools in the cbe I don't feel the trustees directly impact students. They are a link for the board to the school act. They are important but not directly to the students
381.	Having a representative for the area that is familiar with the communities educational needs on an on going basis would be beneficial.
382.	Their interests may be better represented at the board level
383.	No benefit
384.	Rather than spending money on a byelection why not offer the position up to the runner-up. This candidate obviously went thru the electoral process as people have voted for them so have the person who came in second place to Sheila now be placed in the position
385.	Quite likely the students will see no direct benefit from a byelection as the board acts as one entity with regards to decisions. The board might choose
386.	Representation.
387.	not in favour of by-election. The money would be better spent in the classrooms.

388.	They wouldn't as it takes money away from the students to elect someone to hold this spot. I can see a much better use of funds to better our students than holding a byelection.
389.	No way at all
390.	I don't see a real benefit.
391.	It is difficult to know how CBE students currently benefit from the Board of Trustees, day to day, as students' realities are far from those of their Trustees'. However, on a fundamental level, not having democratically elected representatives for an entire Area is unfair to that Area's students and parents.
392.	I don't think they would. Ms. Taylor was elected in a proper process. The cost of a by-election would mean less funding available for other education costs. It was the lack of vision that lead to the Board forcing her to resign. There were likely ways that the Board could have considered to provide Ms. Taylor a temporary leave. Politics and fear of innovation ruled the day once again for this Board however.
393.	There would not be a vacant seat. Decisions affecting these wards would be looked after by the board member.
394.	Students will not benefit from a by election. Learning will continue in the schools whether there is a by election or not. Parents always can consult with other trustees.
395.	Don't know that they would have great benefit at all. Current trustees can manage to cover all wards. I think the trustee who left should have been given leave of absence while trying for provincial seat. Should not have been dismissed.
396.	I would think to give a voice for those students in those wards...
397.	They wouldn't.
398.	Representation from across the city is important to the principles of representative government. Having another set of eyes on the governance of the Board of Trustees makes for better representation.
399.	They won't.
400.	Tey wouldn't
401.	Equal Representation
402.	It would not benefit from the by-election. This is a ridiculous waste of tax dollars to fund this by-election. Any other job out there, if someone quits, the rest of the team must make do with the staff that it has. Wait until there is a true election and use those tax dollars for that election.
403.	Having a representative from their own ward that knows the specific concerns and needs of the communities.
404.	I do not believe they would.
405.	It's important for schools and families to have a representative that they can speak with when concerns arise. One would hope that students would benefit from a trustee representative.

406.	Students in that riding would be represented by someone elected in that riding, not the remaining six members.
407.	The legislation contemplates a certain number of trustees for a reason. A full board ensures the trustees are accountable, and that the interests of the public and students are respected.
408.	I believe that there is greater accountability and interest to serve individual students if trustees have run for office and been elected to serve in that capacity. Hence student interests should be best served by electing a new trustee to represent the wards currently without one.
409.	understanding how democracy works for their social study courses
410.	We need people talking on behalf of families in this city. I am not really sure that a byelection would actually help until the Province puts Alberta schools on their agenda to move forward quickly due to their own delinquency for the the past few decades. Growing cities like Calgary are in particular need of attention.
411.	They wouldn't
412.	They would not benefit. A by-election would use \$ that could go to the classroom.
413.	I don't believe a by election is necessary
414.	They would not benefit.
415.	It would be a waste of money. The board can act for all students. Absolutely no need to waste money on this election
416.	There is absolutely no need for a byelection. The students will not suffer lack of representation. Trustees don't represent specific wards once elected.
417.	They'd actually have someone from their community looking out for their best interests.
418.	I feel they are well represented by the current trustees.
419.	no
420.	There might be an educational opportunity in having students follow an election process. Otherwise, there is no direct benefit to students from having a trustee by-election.
421.	CBE students would have representation
422.	We would have a voice. Not just shoved over.
423.	By having a democratically elected rep serving as a trustee
424.	I am not sure the students DO benefit from a by election!The financial amount used for the election, could be put back into schools.My daughter is using book that are 10 years old!!
425.	Students would benefit from Sheila Taylor being offered a leave of absence, which was within the legal framework. Students do not benefit from the decision that has been made, and the resultant issue. A byelection is a costly process that does not benefit students. A vacancy is a problem that does not benefit students.
426.	Families in wards 11 & 13 need representation.

427.	Cost of a byelection would far outweigh any benefit to students. Money would be better spent in the classroom. Although I think board members work very hard, they are mostly figure heads with little power.
428.	An interesting question that was obviously approved by the CBE. Why do I have to wait for a month for a return call for some other trustee than a local representative; I still haven't gotten a return call. Why should the leadership of a public organization even question the function/purpose of constituent representation?
429.	Since trustees serve all students, not just their own ward, and past voter turnout has been very small, I can NOT see a big benefit to an election. Instead, Spend the money on teachers, assistance and other direct student supports.
430.	They would not. The money is a waste that could be used in classrooms
431.	What need is there for the byelection? The students and families of wards 11 and 13 are well represented by the remaining board members, who act for all calgary students, not just their own wards.
432.	I do not think that a byelection would have a negative or positive affect on students in the classroom
433.	They would only benefit if Ms. Taylor funds the election herself. She chose to leave the position and if she chooses to come back she should fund the process. Otherwise the students of the CBE will lose out on learning opportunities because their educational funding will go to supporting this byelection.
434.	Their community interests would have representation at the board level.
435.	CBE students and their families must be fully represented at the Board, as there are many changes regarding assessment and reporting structures, which will and should flow down into the structure of teaching and learning that is happening in our schools. These changes will dramatically effect middle school, junior high and high school students in wards 11 and 13, and if parents have questions, concerns, or issues to be voiced throughout this process, it is vital that there is a representative in place to deal directly with our area of the city and our opinions, view points and responses to these changes. Yes, all trustees are to be accountable to all areas of the city, but it is not the same when one or more trustees are "stretched" to accommodate the communication and representation needs specific to different areas, particularly when there is no real relationship development in process either between the serving body and those being served. With a responsible individual looking after the specific area, its communication and needs, there is better representation all around. This not only will benefit our families, but also those of the other areas of the city where their representatives will not be required to "stretch" themselves beyond what is reasonable for one person.
436.	More/better representation from our ward in the city. There are important issues and decisions that must be made on behalf of our students and we deserve to have proper representation.
437.	werwqwc qqeqv
438.	Students in Wards 11 and 13 would have a representative to approach to address issues or concern or conflicts between schools and students.

439.	No
440.	I don't believe there should be a by-election. The students will not be helped in fact the opposite. \$170,000 taken out of the CBE budget for a precedent of 3.5% turn out by the public is just taking funds from schools already hurting for funding
441.	Better representationMore trustee manpowerGreater diversity of perspectivesMore diverse expertise
442.	They would not benefit as the cost would likely take from funds that were intended for school functioning in some capacity.
443.	I don't feel that students would benefit from a by-election. The existing trustee's should act in the best interests of all students as they are mandated to do.
444.	A month later! Here I am ! just love those kids. Remove and restore order? might be interesting to showing where education of children can take them.Relatively younger representative, interested in creating wonder of learning, safety, community driven empowerment of our youth!
445.	Students and teachers from wards 11 & 13 deserve fair representation!
446.	They wouldn't
447.	Trustees oversee the delivery of education in our City. So without a representative for large part of the city, these students and their parents are without an advocate. Having a school to go to, buses to board and options for special programs are all ways that students benefit.
448.	To have someone who is willing to lead CBE to a brighter and better future.
449.	If the trustee actually cares then students might benefit. Other wise it's same old same old.
450.	There would be no direct benefit to the CBE students.
451.	Ensuring students in wards 11 and 13 have an elected trustee to represent their needs, wishes and concerns.
452.	They wouldn't.
453.	The students in the wards with no trustee would benefit as there would be a trustee elected to the position rather than the position being vacant.Students and families in those wards need someone representing them.
454.	not much - the school year for many is pretty much half over - I think Sheila taylor should be re-instated saving that money and it back to the CBE budget.
455.	It would be very beneficial to have another trustee with different ideas.It is a long time until the next election. (almost 2 years) You should have been planning to have a byelection as soon as sheila Taylor resigned from her position.Your work load has increased as you compensate for a missing member.Calgary is growing, there are far more students and parents now and numbers will continue to increase so you will have even less time to do all that you do.
456.	having a representative for the area

457.	None decisions generally made are longer term in nature. Everything is in place for current students
458.	Trustees rarely act on behalf of students so there would be no benefits.
459.	Students in wards 11 and 13 would have representation on the Board.
460.	Representation on the Board is very important so more voices are heard in the board room about the importance of children first. Our wards had a strong voice in Sheila Taylor. She stood up for all Calgary's children, parents and staff. Cuts to front line staff in schools has had a disastrous effect on our children's education and well-being. All CBE students will benefit with a trustee who sees their needs are important.
461.	they wouldn't. The time, effort and funds required to hold a byelection would be better deployed to ongoing student needs.
462.	I don't think that the students really know one way or another if they have a trustee
463.	Equal representation for all wards
464.	They wouldn't. The remaining trustees are completely capable of overseeing things until the next general election.
465.	I don't feel they would. As stated in the information, trustees do not have individual decision making ability for the wards they were elected in, all decisions are made with the board as a whole, so any decision made that would impact students involves the board members currently still serving.
466.	Full slate of trustees should be restored as soon as possible.
467.	Not much
468.	I cannot see any benefit for any students.
469.	Useless question. Trustees don't benefit students. Teachers do. Trustees are there to represent the public and ensure the public trust in education is not broken.
470.	They would not.
471.	they wouldn't the board appears to be running more efficiently and effectively with the six remaining trustees. students will benefit as a result
472.	Families in wards 11 and 13 need elected representation. We live in a democracy, appointments are not democratic.
473.	They wouldn't.
474.	no benefit
475.	By having their wards represented at the board.
476.	Students and parents need to have a strong voice advocating for their education.
477.	Only those in wards 11 and 13 would benefit from having someone speak directly to their interests
478.	No need for a byelection.
479.	Someone with more common sense than the remaining trustees could be elected.

480.	Parents and students would have a voice on council; they would also have a chance to hold a trustee accountable for decisions and actions.
481.	Representation in their ward.
482.	More voices to represent us the voters. The seat should be filled because voters in the constituency deserve representation.
483.	Students may benefit by learning about the election process of CBE trustees.
484.	Thats a good question. I am sure the board can deal with one less person on the committee.
485.	They wouldn't
486.	No
487.	Students would see a by election in progress. This is an unusual situation and an incredible teachable moment.
488.	unsure
489.	They wouldn't. Sheila Taylor should have been given a leave of absence.
490.	None
491.	Every student in Ward 11 and 13 would benefit from a byelection as it would give all of them local representation on the board. Show students the Trustees at the CBE believe in democracy.
492.	One word: representation.
493.	They wouldn't.
494.	another voice at the table is always a good thing
495.	With 100,000 students, there is no way they can all be adequately represented by 6 trustees. Add in regional protectionism and you need a by election.
496.	Proper representation for education, not a stepping stone to further political power. Students in these wards deserve proper representation.
497.	In no way, there was a perfectly qualified board member who asked for leave, the board refused and she resigned to run for office....now that she's available to finish her term, she should be offered it back. No benefit to anyone or democracy to do another byelection.
498.	They wouldnt
499.	by having an elected official in place to speak for student welfare.
500.	Students would see an example of democracy in action and the value of democracy being upheld in our society
501.	No benefit
502.	They don't care.
503.	The question should be What are the reasons for having a byelection
504.	They wouldn't.

505.	in essence, that there is a lack of proper representation for the two wards in question, and given the work load of the trustees currently serving their wards, the byelection would correct the imbalance that now exists for those students within those two wards.
506.	A local representative on the board is important as that person keeps in touch with the local schools, and the issues... having no representative for 11 and 13 for a fairly long period of time will not be in the best interests of the children, schools, community
507.	I do not see how students would benefit from a byelection. The other trustees will ensure that the schools in these wards are still represented.
508.	The wider variety of representation, the better the chance that decisions made will be the right ones. The position of trustee is a position of trust, one thing that sharing Wards 11 & 13 will in some way undermine that trust, perceived or real. The other trustees could be seen to have a conflict and not represent 11& 13 in votes such as the building of new schools within those Wards.
509.	They won't. Almost all CBE students can't vote and don't know what a trustee is. It would benefit the parents and not the students
510.	They wouldn't.
511.	By having representation. A majority of the Trustees are a voice for parents and schools in the areas.
512.	By having a local representative in wards 11 and 13 to stay up to speed on what is happening on the ground.
513.	This is an opportunity for students to discuss this in their classrooms and reflect on the impact the school board has on them and their school. Having representation is extremely important and sending a strong message that democracy is a priority helps develop the kind of young citizens we want in our community.
514.	Overall they won't - the funds that would be spent on a byelection would be better spent on their education directly. And, hey, having an extra \$50k a year that you aren't paying that Trustee position until the next election can also be directed back into education directly!
515.	If the trustee board truly represents each student/school and needs, then a byelection must be held so those students have a voice.
516.	The people who have students in those wards would choose their representative.
517.	I don't think the children would receive any benefit
518.	I don't think the students will benefit at all. This is money you will be spending that you don't have.
519.	By having a person voice the needs of the students, schools and communities within the two wards.
520.	They would not.
521.	A new voice on the board will bring in new ideas, ensure the desires of the ward are given fair representation and communication will continue to occur.

522.	I believe that board members should simply rescind their motion to accept Sheila Taylor's resignation. Students would benefit because the focus of Trustees could continue to be on student education instead of on a byelection.
523.	They wouldn't.
524.	They wouldn't
525.	They won't.
526.	if the cost of a byelection comes out of the operating budget, they wouldn't benefit. it would actually take away from programming.
527.	Only if the staff are not greedy and spenders.
528.	Not at all. Spend the money on educational services or teachers!
529.	They wouldn't. By the time a new trustee is elected much of school year has passed
530.	Creates a general public awareness. The more one is aware of the process, the more one is likely to take interest - be invested, possibly get involved.
531.	their concerns and issues are directed to a specific trustee
532.	Students need timely and consistent support and backing from a Trustee in their ward. A byelection is necessary to ensure that the students in wards 11 and 13 remain supported in any issues that may affect their schools between now and the next trustee election.
533.	They wouldn't
534.	I am not too sure if they would. Perhaps the money spent on an election could go into programming for students
535.	They wouldn't
536.	CBE students would continue to have local, democratically elected representation. Local concerns and possibilities would have a local voice. Although it's true that all trustees strive to work towards the benefit of all students, it is helpful for local councils to be in relationship with 'their' trustee. Without this, decisions will tend to be made on the basis of a priori values, rather than the specifics of the local context.
537.	With provincial and administration control the board has little to do so the end effect on the students is minimal.
538.	Democracy in action. Older students could choose to participate as DROs. Too many students leave the school system without an understanding of elections - school trustees are relevant to their daily lives AND not connected to a specific political party
539.	They won't
540.	Greater opportunity for the public to share concerns with an outside voice who has influence in CBE
541.	Not at all...
542.	They won't.
543.	They wouldn't.

544.	Having another voice would give broader perspective and lessen the load of the remaining trustees.
545.	Not sure they would.
546.	There would be a dedicated trustee for the wards as opposed to having the remaining trustees manage it "off the sides of their desks".
547.	They would benefit from having a school board with its full complement of members. The work of the school board would be spread over the maximum number of members currently allowed by law. The families -- students and adults -- in wards 11 and 13 would have the representation they deserve on the CBE. They would have the assurance that they mattered as much as any other families in the city.
548.	A full Board is more likely to make better policy decisions.
549.	It would help insure that they would be well represented.
550.	Students are those who benefit from the Trustees advocacy and representation. They would benefit from the Board having more complete and representative conversations to reflect all Calgarians.
551.	They wouldn't
552.	I don't know; who can advise parents? Principals, teachers? Parents basically have no idea.
553.	Yes, more voices to represent the kids / parents.
554.	I don't believe the cost to have a byelection is in the best interest of students. It is money wasted that could be spent on student resources.
555.	They would have another voice.
556.	If these wards are going to be represented adequately they need a dedicated trustee.
557.	Proper representation
558.	The basis of democracy is representation. The students and electors are not represented now. No representation, no democracy. The needs of the students will not be heard.
559.	As a grandmother, I have approached trustees when I've run into problems with my children's education, and so have my daughters when their children have been affected. I think it's important that there be a more independent voice - teachers and principals often side with the system and don't exercise independence in their choices.
560.	Broader membership on the Board means more effective input into Board decisions.
561.	They would have someone familiar with their ward representing their needs on education, community and well being
562.	Issues at schools would be addressed
563.	Presumably decisions affecting them would have input reflecting their community.
564.	Students will benefit by having regular visits from a representative to observe the local conditions, and to advocate for them at the Board level when they have requests for funding, equipment or services.

565.	our students need to have responsible, informed trustees making good choices on their behalf. right now, wards 11 and 13 have no voice on the school board and that is unacceptable.
566.	I believe in this case the students would not benefit from a by election and the school board would waste another \$100,000 that could be used to help our students.
567.	They would have a trustee.
568.	Fair and unequal representation which students and families deserve
569.	The board has already let the principals in wards 11 and 13 know they can contact the trustees office if they have any issues. Even if those wards had a designated trustee, that trustee has no specific power for those wards. The trustee would just take those issues to the board anyway.
570.	Should a voice be elected that is distinct and varied from the longstanding, prevailing voices who sit on CBE, this could once again bring a breath of fresh
571.	More accountability for member son the board. Trustees are in a valued position to mould the direction and spending that occurs in our public schools.
572.	That is a great question. If they don't, then what is the purpose of having any trustees whatsoever?
573.	those students in that ward would be benefited by having a representative but he overall cost would be a detriment to the student population as a whole. If there is a guarantee that the ward would be well represented then it would not be necessary to have a by election
574.	Reaffirms community accountability for the education of our children.
575.	The school board needs full leadership to provide the best decisions and leadership for students and staff.
576.	they would get a trustee
577.	Not at all.
578.	Giving students a feeling that they have some measure of control over their education and the decisions being made on their behalf is very empowering. There is a lot of frustration over the lack of transparency and consultation, this would be a positive step towards lessening this frustration.
579.	There would be another voice on the board (this can be both a plus and a minus).
580.	I feel the students in those wards deserve to have their own trustee working for them.
581.	I don't see any benefits. You indicated that the existing trustees can cover the spot and continue to function.
582.	By ensuring that the needs of the communities in which these students reside are communicated and included in school board decisions.
583.	The students would benefit thru their parents having active representation on the board that makes decisions regarding their schooling.

584.	All citizens deserve representation. Students are represented via their parents, via the chosen school board members.
585.	I don't know that they would. I question the value of the current trustee roles. Joy Bowen-Eyre seems to have a lot of time on her hands to get involved in areas outside of her mandate. Perhaps she could take on more responsibility.
586.	Have representation from an elected trustee
587.	They will have a trustee on the board representing their ward
588.	Students deserve representation within our ward. We need a voice for our ward to fight for our needs.
589.	The students in wards 11 and 13 would have an elected representative on the board of trustees.
590.	no - i don't understand what the trustees do anyway. they seem to approve decisions made by the senior management - the educated and paid experts in their respective areas. I believe trustees are a public relations role and therefore do not directly affect students but more, hopefully, reflect positively on the CBE entirely.
591.	The public will choose the best candidate for the job.
592.	By having an elected representative in this position instead of leaving it vacant for 3 years. CBE students need to have someone advocating for them.
593.	Currently there is no representation from the board in these areas. Schools and students are without direct voice on the board. I trust other members to always support all students in the CBE, however other trustees already have their own areas to oversee. All students need a direct representative looking out for their needs.
594.	I do feel that the byelection will offer the chance for someone with new views and fresh eyes to help see to some of the issues in the TLC program.
595.	By having their families represented on the board.
596.	All schools are properly represented by an assigned Trustee rather than the schools in Wards 11 and 13 having no official representation.
597.	Insuring representation for their area. An opportunity to learn more about the function of a trustee at the CBE and the election process pending teacher & parent involvement in the teaching/mentoring.
598.	Appropriate representation of students and their parents.
599.	each ward needs equal representation, students will suffer otherwise
600.	One could then ask, how do CBE students benefit from the election of any Trustees? As public oversight, presumptively inclusive of parent representation, any one voice of such a small council can have a significant impact. To dismiss it is to dismiss the value of all Trustees. Besides, would our message to CBE students then be "hey kids, electing representatives does not matter, so don't bother" which seems rather counter to the principles we are trying to instill.

601.	Not sure other than the schools and communities in Ward 11 and 13 would have a Trustee representing them on the CBE's Board of Trustees. That is, there would be a Trustees on the Board who is specifically responsible for receiving, responding and representing their views, concerns and perhaps their unique circumstances.
602.	Very little
603.	They would have local representation for their concerns.
604.	All students in each area of the city need to be represented.
605.	I don't think that students would benefit from a byelection. I think it will have a negative impact in terms of taking money away form he core focus of the CBE.
606.	Full representation
607.	They wouldn't
608.	CBE students would have a meaningful example of democracy in action within the Canadian context.
609.	All students and parents, including those living in Wards 11 & 13 will have the 7th trustee position filled by a democratically elected voice to listen, share their concerns, ideas and recommendations for CBE governance, policies and programs, and the bettering of public education. This role is important as a public education official and advocate to work with the CBE, ASBA, and Alberta Education.
610.	The students will learn there are consequences for actions and choices that we make.
611.	Students and families in the wards represented by Trustee Taylor need representation to ensure they are not disenfranchised when the CBE makes decisions about schooling in the city.
612.	None
613.	I don't believe CBE students would benefit from a byelection.I find your question presumptive and leading.
614.	I don't see a benefit to the students holding the by election
615.	I do not think they will.
616.	The students need to have a trustee that is dedicated to their wards NOT shared.
617.	We live in a democratic society. All parents and all children deserve to have a voice at the school board. Ward 11 and 13 students deserve to have a voice at the table addressing their specific needs.
618.	Not sure they would
619.	They would be given representation for their wards on the Board of Trustees. Issues facing their schools would be given a voice.
620.	Our students need a representative that will specifically focus on our area and the issues related to sundance

621.	It's important for our children to have elected representatives make appearances at their school as this provides an opportunity for our youth to see that politicians are 'real' people and not just some unknown person working at City Hall, Edmonton, Ottawa or CBE Administration Building. Without having a Trustee represent Wards 11 & 13, there is increased likelihood that the other Trustees won't have time to make appearances at the schools within these wards.
622.	I don't believe that anyone would benefit from a byelection. Shelia Taylor was voted in with extremely high voter confidence and the job is hers. No questions asked.
623.	They would not. Save the money and leave the space open until Oct 2017 election.

Do you see other benefits to having a byelection? |

#	Response
1.	No
2.	Gives citizens a voice in who represents their schools.
3.	You might get a high quality trustee elected who works hard for all students and promotes the CBE and public education.
4.	No
5.	There was no reason to not grant her leave why should money be wasted now. She is a good trustee.
6.	Provides an opportunity for another "voice at the table".
7.	No
8.	Perhaps a voice of reason could be added to the table.
9.	Let parents have a choice. Sheila Taylor should not have been forced to resign in the first place. She represented her wards with the utmost care for her constituents. She won the election by a landslide.
10.	No
11.	It would all for equal representation of all wards
12.	Representation for wards 11&13,
13.	none
14.	The wards constituents and their children have democratic right to representation.
15.	Also does not over load other trustees (Amber Stewart) are not overloaded with ward 11 and 13 issues and can deal with their own. I also do not have to wait till the next civic election to have CBE representation.
16.	One way for public interaction
17.	Precedent
18.	There is not a single benefit.

19.	no, perhaps next time candidates should be asked if they intend to serve or plan on using their position as a springboard into higher levels of government
20.	As above.
21.	I see no clear benefits to having a byelection for this seat.
22.	No
23.	NO
24.	No
25.	No
26.	No
27.	No
28.	No.
29.	No
30.	No.
31.	NO.
32.	People in the affected wards are properly represented. Would we be having this discussion about whether people "benefit" from having an elected member to represent them in the legislature? This is a fundamental democratic right.
33.	The communities in wards 11 and 13 would be properly represented
34.	fairness, transparency, and accountability would return to the CBE.
35.	No benefits!
36.	No
37.	Yes...In addition to providing equal CBE representation to all areas within Calgary, the workload of the vacant CBE position would not have to be distributed to other CBE trustees to handle in addition to their own ward duties tending to the concerns of parents and students they were lected to serve.
38.	No.
39.	Absolutely nothing. There was less the 5% turnout from the last byelection anyways. Not worth the time, or money to have one.
40.	No I don't. I believe that the board has representatives that work for the whole city. Their voice would cover the wards that do not have their own representative.
41.	Not really.
42.	No; high cost and low turnout.
43.	No
44.	No

45.	Yes. We need a voice that will speak up for transparency. A voice that speaks for the students and parents. This may be a chance to get it.
46.	None
47.	not at this time
48.	No...not in public interest
49.	Nope
50.	No.
51.	None
52.	no
53.	NO
54.	None at all.
55.	yes, it is the way democracy works!
56.	yes, the benefits to those who pay for the education system. constituents do not believe that a trustee elected in a different ward would represent them in the same way that someone who they have elected.
57.	NO
58.	Democracy, no autocracy.
59.	No, because very few people will vote. If 2-4% of those eligible are going to vote, its a waste of time. There should be a mechanism to appoint a trustee. That the former trustee was required to resign looks suspicious to me-- while I may not have wanted her as my MLA, she raised more awareness of the school funding issues in that race than she ever could have as trustee.
60.	no
61.	No.
62.	None.
63.	Yes. This would keep Sheila Taylor from running for her empty seat.
64.	If a trustee resigns, they should not be allowed to run in a byelection. The benefit here is we will elect a new member to the CBE. The message should be sent to the current members that if they choose to look for another job, after public \$ has been spent to put them on the CBE, then they risk their current position, and should be barred from running in a by-election (benefit - trustees don't quit on their public commitment if the risk is high).
65.	Parents in wards 11 and 13 have the opportunity to select a trustee.
66.	CBE has lost considerable face by requiring that a trustee resign to run as an MLA instead of taking a leave of absence. A byelection would show students and others that it supports Canadian and Albertan democratic processes.
67.	None. Period.

68.	I see absolutely NO benefits to holding a byelection.
69.	No. Only to spite Sheila.
70.	No.
71.	NO
72.	Re-instating the trustee body to full capacity will ensure all elected trustees and areas have full representation - money should not be saved at the expense of this.
73.	No benefits. Just a waste of money -put money back to teachers and students
74.	None
75.	No
76.	No.
77.	The only benefit is to uphold the democratic system, which a good concept for students to have in their education and in their lives.
78.	None
79.	Egregious expenditure of funds.
80.	No.
81.	No
82.	No benefits.
83.	If only 3% turned out to vote in the last by-election and it is to cost \$170,000 it is a waste of money!!!!!!! Thank you for doing this.
84.	No
85.	No
86.	It's fair.
87.	No I do not.
88.	No
89.	No
90.	No
91.	No.
92.	No
93.	No
94.	No.
95.	No.
96.	If you don't hold one, the public may not see the reason to have an election in 3 years and may be OK with the province deciding to appoint a school board instead of having general elections. Why would anyone support general elections if the elected representatives

	themselves see no value in elections?
97.	No
98.	No.
99.	No, it seems like a waste of taxpayers dollars, and cbe wastes enough money already.
100.	no
101.	Why can't Sheila Taylor be reinstated in her position as a trustee at cbe? Much lower cost and she was already elected only a year ago.
102.	Minor... having a full board.
103.	Yes, it is our democratic duty to let the citizens decide. I don't want an appointment of someone who the board knows or wants because they may side with other board members. We, the voters should decide. I don't care if it is 3% turnout or 30% turnout, the person that gets in will get in based on the issues. A board appointment stinks and how that person votes will always be questioned as their vote may be perceived as an appointment vote and not a vote earned through the democratic process.
104.	No.
105.	None if other trustees can provide support to the wards.
106.	No
107.	It is the right thing to be done for the students and parents
108.	Not really, interest is typically very low and even more so in the winter time.
109.	No - loss financially
110.	none
111.	No.
112.	No
113.	Public fairness
114.	nothing else is needed!
115.	No Waste of money the CBE doesn't have
116.	Absoutely not
117.	None, you should have allowed a leave of absence for the trustee to improve her employment position. Low level political entry positions like being a trustee obviously were not of sufficient prestige for this individual.
118.	I don't see any benefit
119.	I live in ward 11 where Sheila Taylor was my trustee.It makes no difference if there is s by election.Not once when I contacted Ms Taylor did she ever return my call, E- mail or letterWe managed fine without support do can continue for another two years
120.	No

121.	Not for this situation...only if there was concern that another trustee may need to step down before the next scheduled election (progressive illness or pending legal actions)
122.	No
123.	None whatsoever.
124.	Sheila Taylor could be re-elected and continue her work
125.	The people that live in this area deserve to have representation.
126.	No.
127.	No
128.	Nope
129.	No.
130.	No
131.	I believe Sheila Taylor be it right or wrong provided valuable input to the board. I would hope the next elected person within this ward would represent views as passionately as Sheila did.
132.	Equal representation for all wards
133.	Cost and the poor lack of rules within the current CBE system: What a PR scam you are doing here. I am totally disgusted with the both of you - both Sheila Taylor for deciding to take on another position while she was elected to School Trustee and the CBE for not granting her a leave (which you have previously done to others) to take part in the October election. None of this had to happen if you had better guidelines in place1. Should an elected official leave for reasons other medical or family, they cover the cost of a by-election2. Election leave is not permitted for Public School Trustees - this should be in your rules3. Having two sets of CBE rules for people is NOT ACCEPTABLE
134.	No.
135.	NONE
136.	No.
137.	No
138.	No
139.	only to say we had one.
140.	no
141.	no
142.	Not overburdening other trustees with additional responsibilities.
143.	No
144.	Not really.
145.	The by-election is necessary as the communities affected by Trustee Taylor's resignation are both developed and new communities; communities in which inner city schools exist,

	new schools that are at capacity and communities in which growth is continuing. By hosting a by-election, the representation can properly allocated as opposed to stretching other board members to act on issues for their own wards and others.
146.	No
147.	No benefits.
148.	No
149.	No as per reason above.
150.	My area would be represented on the BoardWhat is the nomination process as I am considering running
151.	Yes Representation...it is the only thing that matters
152.	Promoting democracy and being a good example to cbe students by showing them that elections matter.
153.	No
154.	The stakeholders have a democratic right to select their own representative
155.	There would be more personal representation on contentious issues for the Ward 11 and 13 residents.
156.	No
157.	The school council in the affected wards will feel protected if their rep emerged from the byelection.
158.	One more chance of a voice of reason!!!
159.	A dedicated person may be found
160.	Sustaining faith in the process of democracy.
161.	No
162.	None
163.	No
164.	Yes, an opportunity for Sheila Taylor to run again.
165.	No benefits.The responsibilities of the vacant seat can be shared by the other trustees and administration.
166.	I see no benefits to having a byelection. She was already elected; just give her the job back. She should have been given the unpaid leave of absence like other professions would do.
167.	Yes, we either pay now for the by election or we will be paying much more later when all the problems created by the reduced number of trustees takes it's toll on the CBE, which it will. School trustees have a huge workload as it is, filling the gap for an empty ward is something they didn't sign up for. I don't think it's fair to the students or the remaining trustees.
168.	No

169.	Sheila Taylor was one of the few board members who truly had the public's best interests at heart. She genuinely listened and was a great advocate for parents and students. In my opinion, she did an excellent job and was exactly what a trustee should be. So a by-election would ensure that her much needed voice is brought back.
170.	no
171.	No
172.	Revisit community support for particular candidates and make it fair
173.	No.
174.	No
175.	No
176.	No, I think the previous trustee should have been allowed to take a leave...it was only a month she asked for.
177.	No.
178.	No.
179.	No
180.	No
181.	Yes. Democratic values.
182.	To set a precedent of filling a vacancy with someone who was defeated at the polls just seems wrong. If the Board wishes to just appoint someone then it should be a qualified individual from the public through competition as you would fill any executive position.
183.	NO
184.	No
185.	I see no benefit to spending \$140,000-\$170,000 for 3.4 voter turnout! No rational person would!
186.	No.
187.	none
188.	No
189.	Theoretically having someone represent your interests is always a great thing; however, I can't see any issue arising that would sap the energies of the remaining trustees.
190.	No
191.	Do not see benefits
192.	None
193.	None at all
194.	The optics of not running an election on your part would not be beneficial at this time. The public already knows you've wasted far more than \$170,000. Head office?

195.	No
196.	no
197.	1. Supports the boards belief in democracy 2. Shows that the voice of everyone is important in the Boards work 3. Ensures that all in our city are truly represented
198.	Our communitites properly represented. A fully functioning Board verus a short staffed Board.
199.	None whatsoever.
200.	Greater awareness of the challenges facing public education. The media coverage of the election generates interest in public education. Therefore, it is an opportunity to discuss classroom sizes and other challenges facing the CBE.
201.	No.
202.	Perhaps residents in those wards would feel like they were better represented.
203.	No
204.	That benefit is a big one.
205.	no its a waste of money. give Sheila her job back. she should been granted a leave.
206.	Expanding the community partnerships and interest by engaging non political persons who understand their role is not about them.
207.	No
208.	Avoid overloading other trustees, principals and/or other staff with responsibilities that should be someone else's.
209.	The Board and students would be better served by rejecting the resignation, even at this late date and reinstating Sheila Taylor. While the Board may be forbidden from appointing a trustee, there does not seem to be any language disallowing reinstatement of a member chosen by the constituency.
210.	As stated above, it only opens the door for more power hungry "would-be" politicians. We are very much against spending money on a byelection. We voted for a person to represent our ward and if that person chooses to resign to enhance her political career then this must be a message for others. When you make a committment then KEEP IT!
211.	No
212.	No.
213.	Individuals can enter politics.
214.	Another voice and therefore another perspective at the Board meetings
215.	None.
216.	It would allow someone to have this position who would not exit the position (and abandon the parents they represent) during the time period they had committed to, to pursue other political options. Had she left for other reasons beyond her control (eg illness) I would have different thoughts about this.

217.	No. A leave of absent should have been given to her given the short period of time that leave would have required!
218.	No. Typically people would not turn out for a school board by election. It is up democratic when only 2-3% elect a trustee
219.	No
220.	No.
221.	Publicity on the needs and requirements of the CBE, that may not get lost amongst the municipal election that commonly occurs.I am not in ward 11 or 13, they may have a more personal response.
222.	less work for other trustees
223.	It will NOT benefit the student by having a byelection.
224.	None. Too expensive
225.	None
226.	no
227.	No benefits
228.	Not at this time. I would prefer to see the vacant positions filled during the next municipal election cycle when voter turnout should be greater than for just a by-election.
229.	Not really. It's not that long until the next provincial election when a trustee could be elected then.
230.	A process would remain continue and there would be a complete team for making any decision
231.	No
232.	Representation for parents, businesses, community members and other stakeholders
233.	The next municipal election is not to be held until 2017. To ask school communities to go 2 years without elected representation is too long and a benefit of the by-election would for school communities to have representation for 2 years. Another possible benefit is the opportunity to engage school communities in a conversation about school issues.
234.	How can trustees honestly not understand the value of democracy? Perhaps you should ask a class of grade 6 students to explain it to you.
235.	No
236.	No I don't see any benefit to having a by-election.
237.	Yes
238.	None whatsoever.
239.	None.
240.	Not at all if the elected member just spends and wastes money.
241.	No

242.	Holding a byelection shows good faith to the community of Calgary. It will demonstrate that the board is interested in the public voice and in supporting the democratic process upon which the position of School Board Trustee is founded. There is criticism in the public that the CBE is not interested in the voice of the public. Holding the byelection to replace that publicly elected position will show that the public input to the operation of the CBE is not only important, but that it is critical and that the board would not consider moving forward without it.
243.	It is important to have a full Board of trustees for proper and accountable decision making. There would be a gap of one person if the spot is not filled. There are three years left which is a lot. In fact, it used to be the space between elections until last year. I would not have the same opinion if there was less than a year left.
244.	More trustees to do the work, an uneven number so ties are not an outcome of a vote
245.	NO
246.	Not really. We weren't represented before. It seems a waste of tax payers money.
247.	Need a represent from wards for participation in the decision making process.
248.	Its silly that you couldnt grant Sheila an LOA. Now taxpayers will be out \$170,000?
249.	No
250.	No, Appoint Mrs. Taylor to the position that she should not have been forced to resign from. board members did this forced resignation for spite not because they had to. She was a better Board Member than most of the Elected Board
251.	respect for the process of trustee selection
252.	Honestly, the cost is ridiculous. Move it online, impose controls to prevent fraud, sanction it as a democratic initiative, and join the 21st century. The cost of running such an election the traditional way is prohibitive, and clearly at
253.	No
254.	An odd number of trustees for voting purposes . No tie votes
255.	No
256.	The wards are divided the way that they are for a reason. If the board can operate with one less trustee then it should remain that way.
257.	No, I don't. I think that it would be a waste of money for such a small voter turn out.
258.	No
259.	No
260.	Odd number of trustees to avoid tie votes
261.	No
262.	No, I do not see the benefits from a by election.
263.	No
264.	No

265.	If the board is voting on an issue it has an odd number for a 7th vote.
266.	None
267.	Not unless there is something other than electing representation at stake.
268.	I don't think a byelection benefits anyone considering the cost of \$140,000 to \$170,000. Based on traditional voter turn out in this country, and on the last CBE byelection of 3.4%, this would not be a wise use of money. The work of Ms. Taylor can be assigned to other trustees until the next civic election to save the money.
269.	CBE gets to spend more money
270.	None
271.	NO. Too expensive.
272.	There ought to be a byelection because at this point we have an elected board of trustees and no representation for wards 11&13.
273.	no
274.	I do not see any other benefits of holding a byelection. The other six governance representatives (Trustees) can surely continue sound governance of the school board and save the high costs of putting an additional person in the seat for a short few years.
275.	No.
276.	Yes, it is called democracy.
277.	no
278.	To have a representative for the wards.
279.	Avoiding a delay in resolution of any issues...continuity.
280.	No
281.	No.
282.	No
283.	None
284.	If Sheila Taylor does not want her post back, then I would hold until the next elections.
285.	No
286.	Not really.
287.	I fail to see any benefit in the first place.
288.	No
289.	Opportunity for passionate leader to become involved and represent community.
290.	I am concerned about who would take over the work that needs to be done in Wards 11 & 13 if the board opts not to have a by-election, how those trustees would be compensated for the additional work...Obviously having a person duly elected in that space would ensure that the workload for the trustees remains fair and manageable and that the needs of

	Wards 11&13 are properly represented and addressed.
291.	No. There is no benefit.
292.	None
293.	are you serious?
294.	External organizations such as school societies require a consistent contact to resolve any issues
295.	As a democracy it allows people their say.
296.	No. I believe an offer to rescind Sheila Taylor's resignation is the best option.
297.	Perhaps better discussion on practices from potential candidates or more publicity on how the board conducts its business.
298.	No.
299.	Just an issue that I would like to bring up. When a student is attending a CBE school and his or her parents pay property taxes, does the CBE verify that those taxes are being received by the CBE system? We have heard of several cases whereby Catholic families' taxes support the a Catholic school system but their children attend a CBE school. Reasons are that the CBE school is rated as a better school as opposed to the Catholic school or for religious regions. We are not sure what the CBE policy is with respect to this matter.
300.	No. According to the recent herald article they could offer the position back to Ms. Taylor by "voting to rescind their Sept 23 motion that accepted Taylor's resignation".
301.	CBE Trustees shouldn't be able to leave their posts to pursue other opportunities and then get their CBE job back. Holding a byelection shows that once you leave your position it will be filled by the electorate.
302.	no
303.	No, I think for a little over 2 years, representation by 6 trustees is sufficient. Save the money.
304.	Not really. I strongly feel the Calgary Board of Education erred when they did not allow Sheila Taylor a leave of absence to run the the provincial by-election. I feel the Board should publicly apologize and reinstate her as Trustee
305.	Yes, it is consistent with democratic principles. If the board wishes to not have this occur again it should create regulations to allow leave
306.	Simply allowing the communities to feel like they are important and not lost in the mix based on a bigger workload for the other Trustees
307.	No.
308.	No
309.	Democracy
310.	Ensuring democratic representation is critical to society as a whole. The effect of having an even number of Trustees is the same as having a Trustee who is known to vote against every single motion put forward. If not prevented by the rules (and I don't know enough

	about the rules to say if this is the case), this runs the danger of 'games' being played in the wording of motions so that three votes results in a desired effect (by wording a motion in the negative). A true majority opinion cannot be known.
311.	Posterity??? Nothing more.
312.	Absolutely none. It would be an utter waste of money and nothing more than a thinly-veiled attempt to get Taylor's job back. Who said there were any benefits to a byelection? Once again, why is this question skewed in favour of a byelection?
313.	Representation for Wards 11 and 13.
314.	Access and representation for citizens and parents otherwise left unrepresented for almost 3 years.
315.	no
316.	It's democracy. I live in Ward 13 and I am entitled to representation. This survey has nowhere for me to express my real opinion. GIVE SHEILA TAYLOR HER JOB BACK. She was democratically elected and was an outstanding trustee.
317.	No
318.	None
319.	another person to share the work load.
320.	As in any election we need the democratic right to participate and elect who we want. If this was a byelection for any other position there would not be this discussion.
321.	No
322.	No.
323.	Nope
324.	No just costly
325.	it is called Democracy, voices need to be heard even if as a board you don't agree with them. This did not have to happen, a leave of absence could and should have been granted for the one month.
326.	We live in a democracy.
327.	we would save money that could be used for the students or maintenance of schools
328.	No
329.	No
330.	None
331.	No, traditionally 3-5% of electoral vote during by-election. waste of public money.
332.	7 people can get votes thru with majority as opposed to 3 & 3.
333.	Modeling Democracy
334.	No.

335.	Unsure.
336.	Yes. New prrson will get to do the job left
337.	In a perfect world, with endless time and endless money, sure why not? But the benefits in our current system would not justify holding a byelection.
338.	Having the vacancy filled would decrease the workload and responsibility of the existing Board members in supporting Wards 11 and 13.
339.	None.
340.	Clarity of contact point. As an elector in ward 11 it would be beneficial to know that there is a single point of contact for board related concerns.
341.	No
342.	None what so ever!
343.	democracy
344.	None
345.	no
346.	no
347.	There are zero benefits!
348.	No.
349.	We need a voice in this area.
350.	Democracy.
351.	not at this time
352.	Each ward should be represented
353.	No, I think that the current board would be just as effective as before. The cost of \$140,000+ to the CBE would have to be covered out of somewhere else and could result in a couple of less teachers or the loss of programs. The CBE is cash strapped as it is.
354.	Yes ... the wards in question did not quit on Ms. Taylor --- she quit on them. The ward citizens have the right to democratically address their representative needs. If Ms. Taylor runs again so be it.
355.	no, other than public perception
356.	If the next election is in 2016, I do not believe there are any other benefits of a by election.
357.	None. Historically low voter turnout indicates that the public would not participate.
358.	It shows that the democratic process has value to the students.
359.	None
360.	It would raise the profile on the obligation of the trustees and the important role they play in the system

361.	Yes. It would be nice to have our own elected trustee speaking for us but it isn't worth the money. Especially remembering who ran against Sheila last time. None of those candidates are worth the cost of the by election
362.	With a seventh representative there would be less chance of an tied vote (e.g. 3 to 3) on decisions made.
363.	No
364.	None
365.	No bye election it cost money and CBE can't afford to spend more money that isn't directed towards benefiting the students directly.
366.	A new trustee will be elected by the voters in Ward 11 and 12.
367.	Better Representation.
368.	no, not wise use of funding.
369.	no
370.	Urgent education issues may gain more prominence.
371.	It provides representation to the voters in the two wards that are not represented.
372.	I do not. The Board could have avoided this fiasco.
373.	Parents often feel better represented and secure when they know who to contact at the trustee level.It will be less work for other trustees.
374.	No
375.	None whatsoever.
376.	If there is no other way to identify a representative then yes. If the board can not appoint a temporary trustee how else could this be accomplished?
377.	No.
378.	No
379.	NO. I think the by-election is NOT necessary as the Trustees can revoke her application for leave and therefore will save the tax payer \$150,000 that is needed for servicing students.
380.	NONE.
381.	No.
382.	Other than some ephemeral reference to democracy, NO.
383.	Another voice at the decision making table may be helpful to making well-rounded decisions where all angles are considered.
384.	Reduce workload for remaining members.
385.	It respects the democratic process. If you don't have byelections, the interests of those constituents may not be well respected.
386.	By having a by-election the public represented in wards 11 and 13 should feel that they

	had a voice in part of the democratic process.
387.	students' rights to vote for their candidate
388.	Keeping EDUCATION and the need for schools on the political agenda
389.	None
390.	No benefits. Only a waste of money.
391.	No
392.	None.
393.	The board doesn't represent it's wards. It represents all the students. They still have representation of the board. No need for the cost of a byelection.
394.	No
395.	I suppose since the CBE board of trustees crapped the bed and let Shiela resign theres no other choice. I thought having a couple new faces on this board might give this new board less of the "old boys club" feel. Shiela was the only rational member and sadly she had to resign since this board crapped the bed. So, I suppose the benefit is that there would be someone from their area representing them.
396.	Residents may feel they are better represented based on principle - if there exists a seat there should be someone in it.
397.	no
398.	No. There's a lot of talk about representation, but, it's just talk. If I thought that the Board really did represent people voting for trustees there might be a benefit. It largely doesn't so there's no benefit.
399.	Of course, these wards need a voice and representation along with all the other wards. Their needs can get overlooked if there is not any representation. Particularly, the high schools in Calgary including Centennial are heavily populated. This sector seems to be vulnerable to budgets cuts yet students need support to be prepared for post secondary and/or the world of work.
400.	Yes, we need support for our children. Resources are limited as it is.
401.	Follow through of the democratic process
402.	The benefit is the area has a representative, but do we really need one?This again goes back to the amount of money that is going to be spent on a very poor turn out, election.
403.	Allowing someone with a solid background in the educational system to influence policy and decision-making at the board level.
404.	Families in wards 11 & 13 need representation.
405.	(see answer above)It
406.	No
407.	No. Not necessary. Use the money saved wisely.
408.	I see zero benefit. There is no need to do this when the existing board can easily handle

	the task for the remainder of their terms.
409.	I do not see any benefits from having a byelection.
410.	None
411.	No
412.	Proper representation
413.	Fairer, specific, more PERSONALIZED representation at the BOARD level for all students and families, rather than just some.
414.	It is the right thing to do in a democracy when there is a vacancy for an elected official. We just had provincial and federal by-elections and I believe they should occur at the municipal and school trustee levels as well.
415.	It serves the democratic process. The families of Wards 11 and 13 would have someone to act as their advocate
416.	No
417.	NO
418.	Demonstrates that elected representation is key to the CBEDemonstrates importance of public input
419.	I see no benefit - just another huge expense for another Government position that likely is not necessary.
420.	No
421.	no, just a need for fresh blood. ;) Guage public input. costs, learning a new profession is never easy, persistance and patience sails the team horizon bound
422.	Uphold democracy
423.	Representation matters. If the Board does not see the value in holding a by-election and question the value of it for students and the community then they should take a look in the mirror and ask what they are bringing to the table. Having effective local representation is the corner-stone of our system. With almost three years left in this term it is silly to think that residents, like me, should go unrepresented.
424.	Yes! We need someone who can be a voice.
425.	Another election in which no one cares?
426.	No, except in the case of issues specifically favouring one ward over another, if the remaining trustees can not be trusted to make a decision for the good of the whole board.
427.	someone would get paid a lot of money.
428.	The school staff and administrators would have more time to deal with things other than problems with students in those wards, i.e. issues that would normally be handled by the trustee.
429.	Someone is responsible and managing it
430.	no

431.	It is your duty to represent the children and parents of Calgary as fully as possible. If 2 Wards, especially, do not have a trustee to represent them the chances of them not being heard properly will be increased. Also other people might not be helped if you become too busy to take on more work. When you vote on a policy, etc. it could become difficult if 3 trustees vote one way and the other 3 vote a different way. There are 7 trustees for a reason.
432.	None
433.	No
434.	No
435.	One more point of view on the board. CBE Board of Trustees shows Calgarians and Wards 11 and 13 that they recognize their responsibility to students and feel that no ward should be left empty.
436.	none
437.	NONE
438.	school councils have same access and time commitment from their own trustee as councils in other wards
439.	No
440.	No.
441.	No.
442.	No
443.	The media might be happy.
444.	NO.. Sheila should be given her job back. The pettiness of this board is sickning. I elected my Trustee now let her do her job.
445.	No.
446.	no
447.	Democracy prevails.
448.	No
449.	only Shelia Taylor
450.	Regional awareness. That is the reason for Ward representation isn't it?
451.	it restores the democratically elected representative of the ward. The residents of the ward deserve representation.
452.	No - it would be wasted money, especially recognizing that only 3.4% participated in the 2003 bielection. And we will obtain a new trustee for our ward at the next election.
453.	No.
454.	Someone might actually start holding CBE accountable instead of serving as the Administration's lapdog.

455.	Yes - they opportunity to ensure student and parent needs are met, and also to balance the views of the other trustees.
456.	No.
457.	An additional benefit may be further committing and tying electors to public education by giving them a say in the process.
458.	No
459.	NO
460.	No
461.	People in those wards would have proper representation, which would make it easier for them the address concerns.
462.	no
463.	No
464.	No. This situation should not have happened in the first place. The leave of absence for Sheila Taylor should have been granted.
465.	Gives local representation to every child and parent in the two wards.
466.	the seat is an elected seat. Board, council or other the electorate should have a representative they elect. Not a part time trustee split between four (4) wards. That is one part time person representing 320,000 people.
467.	None.
468.	This is about democracy. By elections are a small cost for democratic process.
469.	No
470.	Not at all
471.	democratic process being followed and showing cbe listens to the people paying taxes. as well grade 6 students benefit from seeing how city officials are elected and benefit from viewing the process
472.	Wards 11/13 would have a representative that they could relate to
473.	None
474.	This one should be what are the reasons for not having a byelection
475.	None. Reinstate Sheila Taylor
476.	democracy.
477.	It is important to hear community voices and involve people in decision making
478.	No.
479.	Improve the chances to enhance fairness.
480.	the parents of that district would have a voice on the board.

481.	No.
482.	Yes. So there is another voice. I have NO trust in a majority of the Trustees that are in now and hopefully somebody level headed can help it.
483.	It is necessary to have a full slate of elected School Board Trustees. If it is seen not to be necessary to elect to replace any or all of the CBE trustee, are any or all of the CBE trustees needed?
484.	With a general election out of the way, this would be an opportunity for candidates to get more media attention and draw more attention to the role of trustees. This would be a good thing as many voters cast a vote for trustees during municipal elections without knowing anything about the candidates.
485.	No
486.	The one vacancy actually represents a lot of areas and schools, in order for democracy to work all should have a voice and/or a representative.
487.	No
488.	Unfortunately, the cost is undesirable but it is the only way and our democratic way.
489.	Not at this time, think it is a waste of money
490.	No.
491.	I am making an assumption that the position would eventually need to be filled anyway, and holding an election now would ensure the position is filled for the 2015/2016 school year.
492.	No.
493.	I believe that board members should simply rescind their motion to accept Sheila Taylor's resignation. If that approach is not used, then a byelection would be necessary so that our democratic process is followed.
494.	No
495.	No
496.	No
497.	Only if the staff are not greedy and spenders.
498.	No. None. The cost is unjustifiable.
499.	No
500.	Full representation - a proper quorum.
501.	If the Board feel they can manage the workload as they are then I feel that the money required to hold a byelection would be better used elsewhere.
502.	a trustee will work for their area's best interest
503.	It sends a message that the trustees hold an important role is making sure that the needs of students are met. If we don't hold a byelection, what is to stop people from making the erroneous assumption that a trustee isn't so important after all?

504.	NO
505.	No I do not
506.	Not really, other than an extra voice during trustee deliberations - not necessarily adding any wisdom to deliberations
507.	Commitment to democratic principles, please.
508.	It might let the electors know (not realize) that there is a board.
509.	I can't imagine a situation where I would be ok with not electing my representative. As a tax payer and citizen that is my right.
510.	A huge cost which could go directly to students to impact learning in a positive way
511.	Improved representation for the students within the trustee's region.
512.	Hopefully an educated and informed voice is added to the leadership of the CBE.
513.	None. A waste of time and money!
514.	no
515.	No.
516.	No.
517.	It would show that the Board is dedicated to fulfilling its mission and respects parents, students and employees enough to have full representation on the Board.
518.	I think that by holding the byelection the importance of having elected representatives devoted to school issues would be reaffirmed. Not holding the byelection sends a perhaps dangerous message -- that openings on the school board don't really matter because what the CBE does not matter.
519.	Representation of citizens in the relevant wards
520.	It gives the community a chance to participate in the process.
521.	It's important to keep such a large Board as full reflective of the city as possible
522.	No
523.	Unknown.
524.	Perhaps some fresh new ideas would be a good idea.
525.	No
526.	The students and parents should have a representative to go to.
527.	The time without a trustee is too long. A month or so would not be a problem but beyond that is too much.
528.	proper representation
529.	The byelection will make the Board democratic again: as of now, the board lacks legitimacy. Perhaps the province will be tempted to dismiss the board if this continues.

530.	I think it's a dangerous precedent to leave a seat open for so long.
531.	Parents would be most likely to feel deprived by lack of representation - we don't need two wards full of disgruntled parents.
532.	Every student and parent deserves proper representation
533.	Yes parents and educators require access to their local trustee
534.	Not having one casts doubt on the value of those wards. It would be treating them differently.
535.	The Need for Local Representation.The argument by some, that the School board with 6 trustees will be able to represent all parents and students in Calgary including Ward 11 and 13 until the next election is weak, at best.The role of school board trustee is to be the local representative of the ward. They visit schools, talk to parents, teachers, students and schools staff and up to speed on what is happening on the ground. Schools in Ward 11 and 13, like all schools in Calgary have exciting initiatives taking place and many have some real challenges. It is important to bring these issues to those who are making decisions about schools in the city- The CBE School Board. If we do not have a representative in Ward 11 and 13 then the needs of these kids, parents, schools will be not be met in the best way possible.
536.	no
537.	There would then be seven trustees instead of six
538.	I think that it speaks loudly to the democratic process that these questions are being asked. This is not a question of a few months without a representative. If elected officials are no longer needed in certain wards, then this questions the validity of these roles overall. It is unacceptable.
539.	Some schools invite their trustee to school council meetings to provide updates. We have done that at my son's school and I find the updates very informative. I think there are still three years until the next election so quite a long time. But perhaps one of the other trustees could fill that role.
540.	The above comment stands firm on its own merit.Change is needed at CBE. Most of the present members have had far too lengthy terms. indeed, they have benefited from the ratepayers' apathy when it comes to electing school board members. Mismanagement and a one track way of thinking have prevailed for FAR TOO LONG at CBE.
541.	Let's not let apathy take over our drive to create better schools. Going out to vote is not too much to ask.
542.	Fulfill legal requirements, fulfill your fiduciary duty to listen to parents.
543.	no
544.	It is early in the current four year term. There is another three years to go. It is important to have an trustee in place that is elected.
545.	its democracy
546.	None.

547.	There is a lot of frustration over the lack of transparency and consultation, this would be a positive step towards lessening this frustration.
548.	No
549.	The benefit would be to fill a vacant spot. The trustees are busy enough as it is. Now they will have to work harder in order to compensate for the vacant trustee position.
550.	No
551.	I believe it's an absolute necessity. Trustees exist for a reason. Not having a by-election sends the message that trustees are somehow not needed.
552.	Promotes democracy and the process that we all use to elect a representative.
553.	A complete board serves the community in a more democratic fashion.
554.	No
555.	Uphold democracy
556.	yes
557.	Given the new election cycle if we do not have a byelection we will be without representation for another 3 years. This is not acceptable.
558.	No.
559.	not at all. The cost of a by-election for more P.R. does not make sense. I do think the schools that are not currently represented by an acting trustee should be assigned to a new trustee, not just "call the office and get a different random person each time."
560.	It's the only fair way
561.	I don't see how it's possible to leave position vacant. This doesn't take place with any other elected official, so why is it even being considered for this position
562.	Each school needs a trustee to advocate for it...currently some schools are without. It will also provide more of a democratic process. At this time a "tie" is considered a defeat. With the proper number of trustees on the board, contentious issues, or split decisions will be dealt with more democratically.
563.	I would like to see the byelection address the way the TLC school is advertised to parents it is misleading and suggest that the school program is for average to above average children when in fact it is and ELS school which holds the other students back from excelling in the program.
564.	Other than determining representation, what other possible "benefit" is there to any election?
565.	Democratically, everyone should have their voice and without a Trustee from Wards 11 & 13 those residents may feel that they are not being heard nor represented as the other Trustees try to "fill the gap"
566.	Insuring representation from all areas with the CBE.
567.	Discussing issues of funding, addressing concerns and challenges facing teachers, students and parents.

568.	trustees bring forth many issues/information that benefit the needs of students and aids parents, students and school staff in the decisions they make
569.	Last I knew we believe ourselves to be part of a democracy. See answer to "How would CBE students benefit from a byelection?" above, we either believe in the value of electing Trustees or we don't. To opt for the latter is to act contrary to the policy principles advocated by the CBE and the current curriculum objectives being taught to our students.
570.	Yes, by-elections are an understood and accepted part of the democratic process and the CBE should continue to reflect, represent and practise the best and highest ideals of our Country's, City's and Province's democratic traditions.
571.	No
572.	Yes, more involvement from within the community.
573.	I don't see why it's even an option for a seat to remain vacant when there are people willing and able to take the seat.
574.	No
575.	No
576.	The electorate would have the opportunity to decide who should be their school trustee after the resignation of a Trustee who chose to leave the position. Again, an example of democracy in Canada.
577.	Yes, following a byelection, there would be an opportunity to review what the current regulations are and make changes if so desired.
578.	It increases public participation and interest in the board.
579.	None
580.	"Other benefits"? I don't see any benefits to having a byelection.
581.	No
582.	I see no benefit.
583.	Yes lots of benefits.
584.	We live in a democratic society. All other elected positions would have a byelection, why not our school board?
585.	No
586.	Engaging the community in school related issues.
587.	A fair way to hear the citizens of sundance's perspectives
588.	We recently recognized the 100th anniversary to the start of WWI and the 75th anniversary to the start of WWII and Canada recently joined the war efforts against ISIS. Canada joined these wars (as well as other wars and peacekeeping missions) to help others around the world protect democratic freedoms. By holding a byelection, the CBE is upholding those democratic rights by allowing the citizens of Wards 11 & 13 to have an elected official represent them at the CBE.

589.	No!! Unless spending unnecessary tax payer money is considered a good thing.
590.	None

What concerns would you have about holding a byelection? |

#	Response
1.	Too expensive
2.	costlack of voter turn-out
3.	The board of trusteres currently functions well. The new trustee could disrupt that. The new trustee will have to learn the job and the goverance model. The new trustee may be lijke Sheila Taylor, or worse, and not understand the role of trustee. She may attack the CBE publicly and try to tear down the organization, rather than work at all times in the CBE's best interests.
4.	Costs high, for a partial term. Also sets precedent for future trustees to feel free to leave mid-term and possibly run again, at tax-payers cost.
5.	There are funding shortfalls for studentssc who are blind and visually impaired that 70 000 to a 140 grand could pay for two specialists or aides. What a joke to pay for a by election when classrooms are overcrowded
6.	The cost of a byelection, especially if a full election were imminent.
7.	Cost. Time. Less than 5% voter turnout for a position that can be covered by existing trustees. Newly elected does not have individual decision making so other than PR for themselves which hopefully other trustees can cover. Why bother
8.	Another CBE Admin puppet will be elected.
9.	Cost, low voter turnout
10.	Cost but that is a given in any election
11.	None
12.	money used would be better spent in the classroom; we can wait for the next election to fill this vacant seat
13.	The only negative is the financial cost.
14.	None, but it should be considered that S.Taylor be offered the position again as it was the CBE's mistake to not allow her to take the unpaid leave in the first place.
15.	None
16.	Cost, distraction, politics
17.	Cost. Distraction from Board's work. Difficult to raise election's profile enough to get a good turnout.
18.	The cost...when a provincial election will be called sometime in the near future.
19.	waste of money

20.	The cost associated with holding a by-election
21.	Cost
22.	Money
23.	Costs
24.	None.
25.	Cost and the short sitting time until the next election.
26.	Cost, voter apathy
27.	due to low voter turn out, the costs out weight the benefits
28.	The cost. As stated earlier, elected positions should never be allowed to be vacated unless the person is terminally ill.
29.	Waste of tax dollars. We can spend that money on schools and new computers and renos to school. Something useful. Save the money that you would pay her and the election money and spend it on kids.
30.	cost! maybe reinstate Sheila Taylor if she's up for it
31.	There is enough money wasted in the CBE. Clean up the top heavy administration at the new head office. And spend the money where it is needed, in the schools. Teachers, support staff and the schools it self, with the people that run them. Quit wasting money
32.	The unnecessary cost and low voter turnout. Save the money of Ms. Taylor's salary and the cost of the byelection.
33.	If there is fairness with the internal systems in play at the CBE. We need to spend more on teachers and less on a byelection that should have not been required in the first place.
34.	The money spent on the byelection would be better spent for the direct benefit of the students. \$140 to \$170K is a large hit to the school budget.
35.	Too much money.
36.	The cost of a byelection and lack of voters
37.	i have no concerns, of course the CBE could just appoint Sheila Taylor to the CBE, after all she was removed for purely political reasons and this was done unfairly.
38.	Wasting \$\$\$\$\$\$!
39.	There would be a cost but I believe most taxpayers would understand.
40.	cost
41.	My concern is that cost-benefit ratio is too high. Public must not pay twice to fill same position.
42.	None.
43.	There is nothing the board isn't capable of doing with just 6 trustees instead of 7. With the amount of people that are likely to vote it's not worth it.
44.	How is that going to benefit the students in any way?

45.	My concern is voter turnout. I wonder if there would be enough of a turn out to truly represent the community. I am concerned that there maybe individuals running who may drop out again once the provincial election is held.
46.	I am concerned that Sheila Taylor would run again, win, and use the seat as yet another step up into something else. Thanks for the waste...
47.	See previous question.
48.	The money would be better spent hiring more teachers or offsetting fees for students.
49.	The costMs. Taylor should not be allowed to run again
50.	Waste of valuable money.
51.	You should have thought of these before you refused to work with Ms. Taylor re: her request for leave. These should have been determined during that decision making process. The fact you are only now asking makes it look like you did not properly think through your position on ht eleave. To make proper decisions all potential outcomes and their negative outcomes should be considered.
52.	Ridiculous waste of money.
53.	Cost
54.	Wasting even more money than you usually waste.
55.	My concern is that the money would be spent, for very little value. If voter turnout is so low, why bother spending that money, when it could be used better elsewhere.
56.	I am not please with the money. I would not be pleased if Sheila was allowed to run again.
57.	Costs
58.	waste of money
59.	The cost does not warrant a by election, crazy. The Board can operate with the trustees they have.
60.	Waste of money, very few people turn out to vote for a school trustee to begin with, a byelection would have even lower turn out.
61.	The previous candidate seeking the position again - having cake and eating it too, if you will. I voted for her once, I would vote against her the situation becomes necessary.
62.	None at all. And hopefully, Sheila runs!
63.	how to make sure the voters are fully informed about all candidates positions.
64.	waste of time and money. For a school board who keeps saying we are low on funds it sure is funny how you can still find money to waste. Let the other trustees carry the load for a while. See above for the rest of the answer.
65.	Government will find the most expensive way to do things.Why not on-line multi-posting system. You authenticate, vote, and its electronically posted to 5-7 sites, and minutes after the polls close they all count and should agree to a quorum in minutes. CBC, CTV, Provincial governemtn, UofC and a few others could be vote post sites. All should get the same vote from the client PCs per authenticated.But hey, politicians fear cheap, effective,

	efficient electronic voting as we might want to use such a system to vote directly and bypass the corruption money buys candidates processes. Plus, no ballot stuffing, as its harder to rig 7 concurrent vote sites than one closed door poll count.
66.	-2-4% will vote. The winner will be one with the most friends they can convince to go to the polls.-The cost is not worth it.
67.	waste of money and time
68.	The costs of a by-election; perhaps a qualified nominee could fill the seat which is not formally elected by the public but put forward from various school boards. This person would "elected" by school boards and parent associations but would not be a voting member on the board. This person would actively provide ideas/dialogue/discussion but refrain from voting.
69.	Cost. You could get a couple of teachers for \$140,000.
70.	Waste of taxpayers money and time.
71.	None.
72.	Cost is one. Also, continuity. Everyone has a job to do - and if we allow trustees to come and go as they please, it turns the election process into a popularity contest at the expense of the tax payer, as well as the running of the CBE. Voters should ask the person running for trustee "will you be there for us for the duration". If there were no byelection, then voters in that ward would be cautious when electing those who wish to serve vs those who wish to be elevated in the public eye. See Alison Redford. She abused her position, rather than serve the public interest.
73.	The financial cost of an election. I'm also concerned that someone new coming midterm would not accomplish much due to the shorter term.
74.	There is none. Democracy is worth the cost.
75.	Just that Sheila Taylor SHOULD NOT be allowed to run!!!
76.	\$140,000 to \$170,00 that SHOULD be spent on their education would be funnelled to this process where 3.4%, perhaps less, of voter actually exercise their democratic right.
77.	It's a complete waste of money.
78.	Waste of money.
79.	Waste of money.
80.	Total waste of my tax dollars
81.	My concern is only that this survey will be used to prevent a by election due to time and money constraints as excuse. Elected politicians not respecting the vehicle that placed them in their position seems hypocritical in the least.
82.	Cost and risk of previous trustee running again, getting re-elected, then sees a bigger and better opportunity such as provincial politics, then takes off again and then back to accessing whether CBE needs another by-election
83.	Cost, total waste of money.

84.	the cost to have one
85.	It seems a waste of money
86.	The cost for such a low voter turnout.
87.	The cost is the biggest issue when voter turnout at the last byelection was just over 3%.
88.	The enormous cost
89.	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
90.	waste of money and time
91.	It would be a waste of money.
92.	It should be piggy back on a civic or provincial election. There is no need or benefit in a byelection
93.	Cost. Low turnout
94.	The cost
95.	waste of time and money
96.	RIdiculous cost of such a byelection.
97.	This would set a precedent allowing members to quit and then, when not successful with whatever they quit for, to come back. Using public funds for this is irresponsible.
98.	None
99.	With funding being so "tight" I believe the money to have a by-election would be better spent in other critical areas of the education system.
100.	Cost
101.	The costs involved. I would not like to see the trustee who resigned her seat to run for reelection. Her values are not with representing the ward.
102.	It would be a lot of money better used for teachers and smaller classes so I think a by election would be a huge waste of money.
103.	The concern would be the waste of money to hold said by-election!
104.	Specifically the cost. It's expensive and generally a low voter turnout. Also to be honest I'm not sure how much voters pay attention to actual candidates. It seems to be more name recognition and signage.
105.	The expense of holding a by-election.
106.	It is an unnecessary expense.
107.	Since funds are tight as it is now. How often have we heard that there's not enough fund for students and now we will have funds for a by-elections?
108.	Cost is a factor but a very small one. Hold one as soon as possible.
109.	Cost and poor voter turnout

110.	It would be costly for no good reason. The board of trustees is fully capable of functioning as is until the next election. Sheila Taylor should have been granted the leave she requested rather than being forced to resign. Her resignation served no purpose. I do not understand what reasoning prevailed among the board members regarding that decision.
111.	Financial concerns
112.	lack of voter turn out . cost benefit analysis . the cost greater than the benefit
113.	None.
114.	Cost
115.	Cost... if six can do the job of seven, let them do it.
116.	Cost and cost only, but i feel we have no choice. Sheila Taylor should have been able to take a leave of absence like other levels of government do, provincial an civic. Bylaws need to be changed.
117.	Waste of \$.
118.	Cost too high for likely low turnout.
119.	Cost to tax payers
120.	None, other than the fact that a Trustee that vacates her spot for running in another political election should not be permitted to run again for one full term
121.	High cost, low voter turn out, school board trustee only affects CBE parents, not separate, charter or private school parents or voters with no school aged kids
122.	unnecessary and too costly
123.	the cost vs the low voter turnout which will be very likely
124.	Cost.
125.	The cost
126.	Cost
127.	By-election dollars properly intended for students would be wasted
128.	too much cost
129.	To Pricey. Put the money in the classroom
130.	The money required to hold this by election could be better spent on educating the students
131.	It would be a waste of money. But then on second thought the CBE is not known for it's stewardship.
132.	That the dollars are being removed from the classroom to the election process.
133.	Lack of voter turnout.
134.	The cost and distraction
135.	The cost for a by election would be ridiculous when the students of those wards can be

	equally represented by the existing board members.
136.	Cost, inconvenience, low voter turnout.
137.	Cost and time away from focussing on what really matters
138.	Cost
139.	the money an election would cost seems well better spend elsewhere
140.	NONE
141.	The cost. Keep the money in the schools.
142.	It's too costly and only a few people would vote.
143.	Money spent that is taken away for child spending. When the voter turn out is very low as it is for a provincial by-election; I doubt that you would find true representation of a new trustee for a school trustee by-election.
144.	The ridiculous cost with an anticipated voter turnout of less than 5%. Let's get real here. People are not talking about the vacancy over their back yard fences and most are blissfully unaware that there is even a vacancy
145.	It is costly and voter turnout will no doubt be very low.
146.	Waste of money.
147.	No concerns, cost of democracy.
148.	Cost and low voter turn out. Your info did not say when the next regular cycle of board elections would be and whether the \$140,000 or so cost would be same or less at that time. Is there a compromise solution like running the election electronically now at reduced cost?
149.	The cost and date being so far away
150.	COST AND LENGTH OF TIME UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION
151.	I think it's a waste of money. The Board should have let Sheila Tayloe take a leave as all other people who run for office do. Her constituents have already elected her. It's time you people thought about how you're spending our money.
152.	Waste of time and taxpayers money.
153.	WASTE OF MONEY YOU HAD A GREAT PERSON
154.	Expenense and low voter turnout
155.	Cost and effort for a potential extremely low turnout
156.	The cost to the CBE. I feel the money could be better spent elsewhere.
157.	the cost and distraction of focus and attention to students
158.	too high a cost and will take too long.
159.	cost, distraction from job at hand for rest of trustees
160.	None

161.	The financial cost. It is a misuse of public money.
162.	Wasting money, electing another person who would jump ship if something better came along.
163.	Cost. Voter turnout
164.	Cost
165.	Waste of money for low voter turnout and it won't happen for so many months anyway. If you can continue with 6 members then do so.
166.	Cost, when we need money for students education
167.	Given the low voter turnout historically, my concern would be a single issue candidate and/or disgruntled troublemaker winning the byelection.
168.	None, The fact you should have given a leave of absence is what worries me
169.	The trustees don't really represent thir wards, so eh y is a byelection needed. Ward trustees would be more relevant if the ward boundaries matched those of the cbe areas. My area office is not in my ward so I don't feel ad though my trustee is someone who can represent me or act as an advocate the the way that an mp or mls can.
170.	Cost - really - DO NOT waste the money! Work cooperatively with the remaining board members.
171.	None
172.	Firstly the expense. Perhaps the wards could be divided up between the remaining Trustees and perhaps more administrative support given to help with the increased workload.
173.	The amount of money is outrageously expensive. The voter turnout seems very small. It seems that CBE students are represented and so why spend all that money and time.
174.	The cost will negatively impact the budget of CBE for next year as the money could be used for more important thing of the CBE. Secondly, the possibility of a low turnout for the election is also high, leading to emergence of a candidate that may not be the best.
175.	Another liberal gets elected!!!
176.	Would it cost the board money that could be used to benefit students?
177.	the cost should be born by the person who resigned as I believe there was an implied contract.
178.	In my opinion Sheila Taylor should not have been forced to resign - not sure what the advantage was to anyone with that move. Instead of holding a costly by-election, why not allow her to return to her post?
179.	The cost.
180.	There is incredibly low voter turn out during a scheduled election. A byelection would have an even lower voter turn out.
181.	The cost

182.	This is too expensive. Not very many people would vote.
183.	Too much money. Use it to hire teachers and lower class size. If you have it in your coffers for a byelection, you have it for teachers.
184.	The only concern is that the by election wont be held until April 2015 and that the remaining trustees will have to carry the extra work load and decision making for that long. It needs to happen quickly.I'm also concerned the cost of the by election will directly impact students through cuts to services. I think the costs of the by election should only impact the schools in the vacant ward. Perhaps then voters will engage and make better choices in whom they vote for.
185.	The cost of the by-election is not worth it.
186.	The avoidable cost.
187.	That the CBE will look like complete idiots for forcing Sheila Taylor to resign and then having to waste \$170000 on a by-election that Sheila Taylor will win - which could have completely been avoided since she offered to take a leave of absence for a short time without pay. RIDICULOUS! This is what people are so irate about --WASTEFUL SPENDING (I.e. Education Centre, Superintendent's contract/salary etc. etc.).
188.	likely low turnout as in the past and thus a few determine a choice for the many
189.	Yet another waste of money.
190.	None the cost is necessary - Sheila Taylor doesn't deserve to have it back automatically after demonstrating such partisanship and declaring for wildrose party. She resigned indicating her preference.
191.	The cost of a byelection seems a waste of public funds.
192.	The cost, politics, etc
193.	Cost and effort for no material benefit.
194.	Why are we wasting dollars on this. Our classrooms and schools need more money...but then again I'm not surprised with a trustee staff that makes sure we have an elaborate head office, lavish Xmas parties and entertainment, wate our money, thats what we as a puboic want they think!
195.	That money would be wasted and would not serve the needs of the students.
196.	My main concern is financial. Unfortunately, elections do not see high voter turn-out, and particularly byelections. Given the chronic underfunding of education, I believe this money could be better spent elsewhere. I am saddened that Sheila Taylor decided to abandon her post at the CBE as she was elected to serve constituents in these wards. I believe she should have served the term she was elected to serve.
197.	Too costly & unnecessary. Does not make CBE or trustees any more efficient.
198.	Low turnout. It needs to be made very public that we have no trustee representing the children of our wards within the CBE
199.	Cost. We need money in the classrooms not boardrooms.
200.	The cost

201.	Time consuming, waste of resources, takes people's focus away from doing current work.
202.	None.
203.	Certainly not the cost. This was a given when the leave of absence was turned down.
204.	The cost but there is also a cost to not having representation.
205.	Expense of holding one
206.	In many other workspaces, teams are downsized through natural attrition and the workload is then re-distributed and shared among remaining employees. There is no reason why the CBE Board of Trustees cannot do the same. CBE students would not directly benefit from a by-election if the work of the board can be accomplished by 6 instead of 7 trustees. In fact there could be benefits by reallocating the costs of a by-election and the costs associated with a 7th Trustee.
207.	Cost relative to voter turnout should be sufficient!
208.	Cost.
209.	too costly
210.	Waste of time and money.
211.	It always comes down to money. Unless the provincial government would pay for it, I am assuming the cost of the by-election would have to come out of the budget.
212.	The cost to the taxpayer.
213.	I believe the money that it would cost to hold a by-election would be better used in other places
214.	Expensive Very low turnout - no engagement
215.	Cost association, and voter turnout.
216.	Voter turnout
217.	The cost of the by election is a big concern. We do not need to take money away from what is important, teaching children. Especially during a time where the CBE is struggling to operate with their current budget.
218.	I think the funds and the time required to hold a by-election would be detrimental to the real work of the CBE.
219.	The monetary cost. Money is best spent to support students and teachers in the classroom.
220.	None
221.	None
222.	The cost. The loss of focus for the board and the community on getting business done. Just another example of the board taking money from classrooms and kids.
223.	There is a cost to holding a by-election, which from media reports seems to be about the cost of one teacher.
224.	Extra cost to taxpayers which takes money away from where it really should go.

225.	The cost and the probably low voter turnout.
226.	Cost, time but t most importantly, we would lose a competent and experienced representative. Why hold a by election when it is likely the voters would re-elect the same representative
227.	Turnout
228.	low voter turn out. wast of money. give Sheila her job back. she should been granted a leave.
229.	None - sometimes the money just has to be spent to ensure democracy. Sheila Taylor stated it herself in the news that there is a cost to democracy - charge her with the bill.
230.	The cost to CBE's operating budget.
231.	The additional cost to all. There are no magic bullet here: if we all have to pay for a by-election, then everyone will "pay" one way or another with cuts etc.
232.	Low to non-existent voter turnout.
233.	As stated above, those monies are needed for education. We believe Ms. Taylor would find some way to wangle her name back onto the ballot again. We are very disappointed that the member who was elected for our ward negated her responsibilities. The other board members will just have to take on the extra work. This is called "consequences" due to Ms. Taylor's desire for a better paying job.
234.	Money of course. If students come first, money should be directed to schools who are overflowing with students, and who cannot afford additional teachers or ed. assistants to support the increase in students (including infrastructure). The \$170,000 would be better spent directly to the CBE and not taken away from the already "stressed" CBE.
235.	High cost, along with low voter turnout. Most people don't even know what the board trustee does.
236.	Cost to the public.
237.	Low voter turnout is not representative of the electorate
238.	Too much money for too little gain. It will be very difficult to get electorate out for a vote (and I even live in one of the affected wards). I would rather see this money go towards re-instating librarians within CBE.
239.	Costs involved. Taking monies away from educating students to run a byelection.
240.	The cost. How many people would actually turn out to vote?
241.	It costs too much in this era of fiscal constraint. There would be a low turn out.
242.	Since it will cost \$140,000-\$170,000 to hold a byelection, with the low turn out rate of voters, there are not enough benefits to justify the byelection. As CBE already has a tight budget, it is better to spend the money in other areas that are more benifital to students, even if this means it only applies to the vacant wards.
243.	The cost does not justify any benefits gained
244.	Why in heavens name did they not allow Sheila Taylor to take a leave, as requested? That would have cost nothing! We elected her. We wanted her. As the newspaper indicates

	that others are now filling the role without undue pressure deal with your decision until the next elections.
245.	Sheila Taylor running to regain her seat, bringing more friction and negative focus on the Board. It is my understanding that legal advice was to have her resign the seat. Given her running as a Wild Rose candidate, the legacy of Danielle Smith and the CBE continues.
246.	Low turn outs and high costs
247.	Wasting useless money
248.	Too expensive
249.	Wasted money. The vacancy was created because of the Chair's wish to be rid of a member who didn't "go along to get along".
250.	waste of money
251.	Cost unnecessary money
252.	Cost of the by-election and potential for low voter turn-out.
253.	It seems expensive, especially if history serves with such low turn out of voters.
254.	It should be held as soon as possible, due to severe upcoming weather people would not take part then.
255.	Waste of money
256.	None
257.	None. The cost of holding a by-election represents an exceedingly small portion of the CBE's annual budget.
258.	Cost of running another election
259.	The cost is concerning and the low voter turnout are my big concerns. The people don't truly understand who the people running are and why and they won't go and vote and it may not affect them.
260.	N/A
261.	Waste of \$\$\$.
262.	Cost.
263.	The elected member just spends and wastes money.
264.	The cost is very high for what I believe would have no or minimal impact on student learning.
265.	Of course, cost is a concern. As we see so many places that money is badly needed in education in Calgary, the notion that we would spend more dollars outside of the classroom is not a pleasant one. On the other hand, the byelection would ensure that the public voice in education is complete throughout the city and I think that citizens of Calgary value that enough to decide that the cost of the byelection is money well spent. Just do all that you can to keep those costs to a minimum!
266.	None

267.	Cost in time and money to the board and a candidate for a short period of time
268.	Costs
269.	money would be better spent in school
270.	Money. Time wasted that should be spent on more important issues.
271.	no concern.
272.	Its silly that you couldnt grant Sheila an LOA. Now taxpayers will be out 170,000?
273.	The costs are too great, why not offer Sheila Taylor her former job?
274.	Waste of our Money
275.	none
276.	The cost. The turnout. The fact that there are other alternatives (recover cost from Ms. Taylor, online elections, change Trustee policy to allow the board to elect it's own replacement members mid term).
277.	Cost
278.	Cost, timeline, adding a trustee now could cause a lag in current proceedings, that person would have to be caught up on everything
279.	The serious waste of money.
280.	None, it is what needs to be done at this time.
281.	I think the money would adversely affect the bottom line of the CBE budget and as we all know, the first thing to get cut during shortfalls is the front line. If the board can run with one vacant seat until the next election, then let it be done.
282.	The waste of limited school funds.
283.	The money that would be wasted!
284.	None
285.	There will be too much hype, low voter turn out and a bunch of time wasted!!!
286.	My concern is the high cost and the marginal gain.
287.	None
288.	An entirely wasteful use of money when the budget is extremely tight as it is.
289.	The cost of the election and the previously low voter turn out. The role for support to the schools and students could be filled by the trustees. I'm not sure when the next regular election would be to re-elect a board member but if it is relatively soon after April 2015 then it makes more sense to wait until then.
290.	cost to the board.low voter turn outno net affect on the board's ability to act in the best interest of Calgary students
291.	The cost. I don't understand why we just cannot give Taylor her job back. Sounds like red tape that is completely unnecessary.

292.	Spending money when the CBE is always talking about not having enough.
293.	you have a perfectly good candidate.....rescind the decision to get rid of Sheila Taylor
294.	I feel that she was good in her job, and that if she was granted a leave this would not be an issue right now
295.	Cost!!
296.	Too expensive. Low voter turnout.CBE should have allowed Taylor to take a leave of absence instead of forcing her to resign, then none of this would be an issue now. Bad decision already made... now trying to fix that?
297.	None really. The cost is probably everyone's concern, but that's the cost of running a democracy.
298.	no concerns, this is our right as a taxpayer to have a school trustee for our area.
299.	I am concerned that we, as a community, would be insisting that precious educational funding dollars would be spent to help a few outspoken, politically motivated individuals gain a platform to voice personal agendas and use our children as pawns in the process. Let's focus on education our children not the politics of educating our children...as the CBE implies that "students are our first priority" we should keep that as our number one concern.
300.	Wasting money which would be better used for the teaching system.
301.	None.
302.	the cost to taxpayers
303.	The cost to us tax payers
304.	Cost of the by-election and low voter turn out.
305.	Cost and turnout
306.	Cost to taxpayers....money that could be going back into the schools. Money that could help with reducing class size, adding more teachers or ed assistants, offering more psychology time to get kids tested.
307.	The cost is prohibitively high - that money could be spent on other things. The last byelection had a 3% voter turnout - that's a lot of money to elect someone that very few people voted for.
308.	Very poor voter turn-out. Waste of money.
309.	It costs 170,000 dollars which if the proper decision had been made in the first place we would not be having this conversation
310.	None, but it is not the only option. Why don't you just give Ms. Taylor her job back? You could rescind your acceptance of her resignation, we would have our elected representative back & Chris would avoid the cost of a by election. So simple to resolve...
311.	Financial and low turnout.
312.	The unnecessary expense.

313.	The cost is too high to justify holding a byelection. The money that is saved, by not having a byelection, could then go to hiring new teachers for the already overcrowded classrooms.
314.	the 170000 it would cost to run such an election. given that the school boards have little power in the first place and are under the direction from the provincial government it is not much of a loss (democratically speaking).
315.	Cost. CBE does not have the money to pay for a byelection. The other trustees are more than capable of ensuring the Wards in question are represented.
316.	Cost takes away from money for learning, and typically has low voter turnout. Not always reflective of community's needs and beliefs.
317.	The cost of a by-election is the most obvious concern although this might be a good opportunity to try online voting again - especially since the likelihood of having a large voter turnout would be considerably low.
318.	I would be really annoyed, and I would no longer support school fundraising events of anykind.
319.	COST \$\$\$\$'m
320.	none!
321.	None.
322.	It maybe seen as a poor use of tax payers money.
323.	It would be a waste of money given that Ms. Taylor was recently re-elected.
324.	Cost
325.	COST
326.	The amount of time and money that has to be spent to achieve this.
327.	Voter apathy, cost
328.	Cost
329.	The cost. I don't believe that there's enough of a benefit to justify the cost.
330.	too much focus on the byelection and not enough on the students.
331.	Unnecessary cost. Especially with all that has been said about monetary challenges.
332.	the cost versus the lack of turnout - a very expensive endeavour
333.	None
334.	The cost of course but it seems to be worth it.
335.	The cost does not seem reasonable. There is a sufficient number of trustees on the Board to represent the needs of the students, without a representative for wards 11 and 13.
336.	Too expensiveUnrealistic
337.	None.

338.	1. Money better spent on students.2. Extremely low voter turn-out expected.3. Sheila Taylor will likely run again and get in and if so, if an election is called shortly, she would likely leave again to run for WR. This is a real risk. If you say yes to a by-election this time, a few months later, you may be finding yourself saying yes again for the same reasons. If you say no to a second by-election in a matter of months or a year, then the reasons you gave for approving a by-election this time would be rendered meaningless.
339.	Cost. Appearance of nepotism. There is no way that Taylor's decision to abandon the Board for a loftier position should cost the Board or taxpayers a single cent. Period!
340.	Serious financial implications impacting dollars that could, theoretically, be spent elsewhere (with relatively little impact to the democratic process)
341.	costs and lack of interest
342.	Unsure if other trustees can fully support a vacant spot and meet the needs of this large area. Cost.
343.	None.
344.	Waste of Tax Payers money once again. Take a good look at your last one
345.	It isn't worth the cost. Ms. Taylor got 79 per cent in the election - obviously heavily supported in her wards. The money that would be spent on the by-election can better be spent in the classroom. Add 3-4 teachers.
346.	the cost of the election will use limited school funding and potentially take those funds away from the classroom.
347.	Voter turnout.
348.	Cost, waste of time, slow down in business being conducted at the CBE while by-election occurs.
349.	Cost
350.	The cost to holding a byelection would be detrimental to students. During this time of transition it is expected that the other trustees have and would continue to uphold the duties of ward 11 & 13 as well as other committee responsibilities held by Taylor. The time, effort and most importantly, money involved in holding a byelection would be an irresponsible act. Such action could potential take money that could directly benefit student learning and allocate it unfairly. Sheila Taylor's resignation was unfortunately timed, in a current political environment where education is consistently being drastically cut, this type of expenditure cannot be ethically responsible at this time.
351.	The complete waste of money
352.	Cost both \$\$ and time
353.	Cost.Can Sheila Taylor run again?
354.	The cost, and that there are enough trusties to do the work.
355.	The cost is too much for an already strained budget.
356.	The decision to run provincially was not made by the ratepayers of the ward. No responsibility to the ratepayers at that time. Had the trustee won the provincial byelection

	we wouldn't having this discussion. This is about one individual not the concerns of the ratepayers. What happens if this trustee was successful, and later was asked to go provincially again because she was near successful in the earlier provincial run. Here we go again.
357.	Cost...
358.	waste of time effort and money
359.	Cost is a concern, especially since voter turnout is low. Is there a way to appoint an interim person until next election based on who got the next largest amount of votes.
360.	Low voter turnout
361.	The cost of the by-election cannot be justified in light of historical and expected voter turnout in a by-election. Any election with such low turnout is undemocratic. Best to let the existing Trustees, who were elected in more competitive elections, govern.
362.	Low voter turnout, therefore a waste of taxpayers dollars. Sheila Taylor should be offered her position back and if she were to accept, it would save everyone the time and money of holding a byelection.
363.	Cost of election (money and time)
364.	The money involved, the inevitable limited turnout, the fact that Shelia Taylor would probably get her old job back which she doesn't deserve at this time - she quit and things didn't work out for her. Too bad.
365.	The major concern is cost. In the time of budget constraints, is it in the best interest of students and staff to spend money on a by-election that does not need to occur? Would a by-election interfere at all with the ongoing work of the Board? Distract attention from more pressing matters?
366.	It is a waste of money
367.	It is a waste of money especially considering the interest level in school board elections is typically very low and would be especially low for a byelection.
368.	Yes. Cost of holding a by-election.
369.	Cost, hidden agenda, wonder if the incumbent, assuming it was the previous holder of this position, would resign once the provincial election is announced
370.	cost
371.	Too expensive..money can be better spent on students and staff
372.	In the length of time it take to set up a by-election the term will almost be over. This seems like another way to spend money uselessly.
373.	The cost does not make sense when the school board is already facing the tight budgets
374.	Complete and total waste of money. There would be less than 5% turnout if that. As it is most people have little to no faith in the trustees working for their children - this is just another waste of money focusing on those who do little!
375.	Costs.

376.	Low turnout. No election would mean more power and less debate.
377.	Partly the cost, but I do not think that Sheila Taylor should automatically be given her job back.
378.	cost! keep the money in the classrooms
379.	Low voter turnout
380.	The cost would have to come out of something and the CBE is cash strapped as it is. Thus, some or all students would lose some programs.
381.	No concerns what so ever ... it is the right thing to do. not holding one is unethical.
382.	The unnecessary cost to the CBE and the mudslinging campaigning (again) that distracts from the core business of CBE.Poor voter turn out
383.	my concerns are primarily a cost concern, given the next full elections would be in 2016. However, there must be transparent access in order to provide the districts affected representation on the CBE board.
384.	My concern stems entirely from excessive costs associated with the by election. CBE repeatedly shows poor fiscal management, and a by-election would only add to that repetitive behavior.
385.	Spending all that money for a byelection that would not contribute to improve the education of the students. The money could be put to better use.
386.	Little voter turn out indicates this would be a waste of money. I would not want to see the board spend \$140 000 just to have Sheila Taylor reelected. That would be joke. If a Trustee knows they can rerun in a by-election after resigning then this could happen again and again. Go with the rule of needing to have two missing.
387.	The cost, time, and effort when these resources have already been spent.The low turnout of the last re-election might mean that much is spent.I am not sure if the previous trustee would run again, but this would be a terrible waste if she were to simply win her seat back.
388.	Money. The cbe has much more to worry about with their financesExperience. I'm not comfortable that the caliber of candidates will be high enoughTurn out. Historically there hasn't been a great turn out for the cost.
389.	Cost.
390.	My greatest concern is the cost. If the board feels that they could still serve Wards 11 and 13 effectively, my choice would be to wait until the next municipal election.
391.	I think it is too expensive for the potential benefit
392.	Unwarranted costs to taxpayers
393.	The cost! CBE already mismanages its budget.
394.	The expense of holding a byelection removes funds from the board, which might otherwise be directed towards students.
395.	None.
396.	same concern, waste of financial resources

397.	The cost in an already strapped board. Parents pay a significant amount to send our students to school each year. The money it would cost to hold a byelection is a waste and takes away from what students within the board need. If the board is able to operate without this seat than why waste money. Given that voter turn out was low in the last byelection why would you bother. Seems like a giant waste of money.
398.	cost. Just re- appoint Sheila Taylor to her place as trustee. She really just wanted a leave of absence from this position to run in the recent by election
399.	Cost.
400.	-Cost-Whether or not Trustees are interested in improving the front-line realities of education, versus using the position as a political stepping-stone (i.e. provincial politics)
401.	The cost involved and the possibility it would be a low voter turnout.
402.	Very expensive for a very low historic turn-out. I don't believe the cost is greater than the benefit.
403.	Cost and its a distraction. I think this Board has become far too political and needs to refocus on its fundamental mandate.....providing the best education for our children.
404.	No concerns
405.	Very expensive, and it will not be long until general elections anyway.
406.	cost of the byelection...the budget has already been drastically cut and further money being taken away from the schools/students is not acceptable the byelection in 2003 had such a low turnout it is hardly worth the money involved
407.	Low voter turnout. Let Sheila Taylor have the position back. Forcing her to resign in the first place was a mistake.
408.	Spreading the illusion that particular trustees actually "represent" certain wards. They are elected to be a member of a board, not an operational "pothole fixer"
409.	That it is an expensive process, that few voters would take the time to vote outside a civic election and the result would be the same as the originally elected representative. A great deal of cost for very little benefit.
410.	Spending money that can be used on students.
411.	Cost versus benefit. High cost, very low benefit
412.	The cost of holding a by-election is ridiculous and will only reduce the amount of \$ the board has to better service its over populated schools as it is.
413.	My tax dollars are wasted on what is essentially a dead society of trustees who are not accountable and useless. Put the money back in education, not more officials who are trying to justify their job.
414.	Having a byelection is a huge waste of money (something the board is very good at). Reinstall Sheila Taylor or wait until the next civic election.
415.	The cost for such a low voter turn out. Surely that money would be better spent going directly into the schools and classrooms.

416.	The amount proposed could buy dozens on much needed laptops for students or add an aide or two to understaffed classrooms.
417.	The cost for such low voter turn-out, historically.
418.	That money could be used elsewhere.
419.	Cost, low turnout
420.	Cost for the process is an issue. Operating budget is already stretched as it is.
421.	none except expense!!!
422.	We should be spending \$ on educating kids and building schools
423.	Waste of \$
424.	Wasting of precious resources fo no gain. Having another trustee elected who was more interested in their own personal agenda than kids.Emphasizes politics in education, rather than focussing on kids.Enforces the perception that trustees represent a "territory". All trustees represent all students and six is plenty enough to do the job.Takes the focus away from kids for a 2 month period.Makes trustees think that they should be hands on in the organization.
425.	A waste of money that should be spent on students
426.	Cost. That money is direly needed inside schools. There are already too many trustees.
427.	-Cost!!!-It will cause animosity amongst the board. Why not maintain the existing board and allow them to complete their duty without complicating it? Ms. Taylor made her stance clear by choosing to resign rather than fulfil a fiduciary duty owes to the board. The CBE needs to allow the board to complete their duty without having members leave to pursue personal goals, and return when they fail.
428.	This is a waste of taxpayer money
429.	Cost - but had the board not crapped the bed in the first place we wouldn't be faced with an additional cost that in the end will just give it to our kids up the tailpipe!!!
430.	Huge cost when CBE is short funds - a teacher could be hired for that amount.
431.	cost, relevance,
432.	The cost is quoted at being somewhere around \$170,000. Better to just hang on to it, maybe do some school maintenance instead.
433.	none
434.	None. Why not have one. Elections happen all the time.
435.	none
436.	The amount of money that is wasted just to elect someone, who might decide to resign shortly afterwards
437.	As always, voter turnout - would be worth the money if more than 3.4% turnout occurred.
438.	There is a huge cost to the school board for this. In a time of fiscal constraints it is a waste of money.

439.	The cost. CBE Trustees should have allowed Sheila Taylor the personal leave of absence she requested. Making the ethical choice should not be this expensive. One provincial MLAs just continued to campaign while in office (Diane Colley Urqhart).
440.	Too few people will vote, just not worth it.
441.	It was my impression that the previous incumbent trustee had wanted to take a temporary leave of absence from her trusteeship while she ran for provincial office; that would strongly suggest that she would want to return as trustee failing her bid as an MLA. If that was the case, then this question would be redundant and the consequent cost of a by-election would be a moot point.
442.	It is expensive and the money could be better spent in supporting students in the classrooms.
443.	Cost. Appearance that Taylor is just trying to get her old job back.
444.	the cost! the remaining 6 board members can handle the task, especially being able to work together as a team towards the betterment of our schools and students.
445.	It is a waste of public money, money that could be better used else where.
446.	The costs do not justify the rewards. The trustees should run down a person until the next general civic election.
447.	Is the cost of running a by-election the most cost effective action at they time. What would voter turn out be...I suspect rather low and would the cost justify the ends.
448.	None
449.	NONE
450.	Cost
451.	The significant sum of money is a concern given tight budgets. With traditional low voter turnout, it may speak to the lack of importance of this issue.
452.	Cost for so little voters for so little purpose
453.	Costs too much, not enough voter interest. I would rather spend the money on 3 teachers than on this.
454.	None
455.	The cost is absurd!
456.	Low voter turnout could allow the election of an individual with interests outside that of the the CBE.
457.	time, money, in the case of competition, I'm out.
458.	Cost
459.	Too expensive with the costs coming out the CBE budget
460.	None. The cost is a result of the Board not allowing a temporary leave. When they made that decision they accepted the cost. Cost can not be a factor in overall democracy and representation.

461.	Are you going to allow sheila taylor to run again? That would be a concern.
462.	Unnecessary cost.
463.	CostQuality of candidates due to short term notice of byelection
464.	expense
465.	none really. just getting to the poll if I'm in one of the wards. my family may be moving to one of the affected communities before April so I'm not sure if I'd be able to vote or not given that we'll have lived there for only a few months.
466.	Too costly
467.	wasted money in an already tight budget
468.	Is using funds for a byelection a waste of money since you are always complaining that you do not have enough money to pay for everything that you need?
469.	cost vs voter turn out
470.	Cost - that money could be use for 2-3 classroom staff and never be recouped. Lack of voter turn outLost time from all the positioning of a by election and the on boarding of a new trusted.Please don't do it.
471.	cost
472.	I cannot justify spending the money for a byelection given the shortage of funding for public education at this time. THIS IS MY PRIMARY CONCERN AS A PARENT.
473.	The cost that would be billed to the CBE's Operating Budget
474.	I have no concerns. A byelection is needed.
475.	If Sheila were to re-run and win. This would reduce the effectiveness and productiveness of the board.
476.	wasting money
477.	none
478.	The cost of running a by-election which next-to-no-one cares about is w waste of taxpayer money and school resources. Put the \$170,000 into the classrooms. By next April, much of the year's business is already completed
479.	It is expensive, and will take money out of the operating budget that can be put to better use by the CBE
480.	It would make more sense to simply re-seat Ms. Taylor, who was elected to fill that role and resigned for reasons unrelated to the CBE.
481.	Simply reinstate Sheila Taylor. She was overwhelmingly elected to her post. Benefit to taxpayer.
482.	Cost
483.	It would attract a political person, whose real interest was not to act in the best interests of kids.It would waste precious resources.It would detract from other work that needs to be done.A trustee who resigned might try to get re-elected.The board would once again

	become dysfunctional.
484.	None
485.	The fact that there shouldn't be a byelection. Don't waste my money. We elected our representative. She won by a huge margin. Don't waste our time, money and energy. Make public statement saying the position is open to Sheila if she wants it.
486.	Cost. Plus, Shelia Taylor may decide to run -- she shouldn't have stepped down in the first place if she wants to serve the CBE.
487.	far too great a cost to the taxpayer when the current board appears to be getting more done now than it did prior to losing the former Chair.
488.	None.
489.	This cost could pay for 2-3 teachers for a year, reducing class sizes and helping educate kids more efficiently. The trustees forced Sheila Taylor to resign. She could have taken a leave of absence and missed those 3 meetings. At Alberta Health Services, if you take a leave of absence, your position is held for you. You can return to it after your leave of absence. If she had been successful, she could have resigned then. Trustees, you are responsible for this. We as taxpayers should NOT have to pay for a by-election.
490.	cost
491.	Cost.
492.	None.
493.	Money spent with the expectation of very low voter turnout.
494.	I have significant concerns about the cost of a by-election. At a time when there are significant cutbacks happening throughout the CBE - affecting support services and classroom sizes, I do not feel that financing a by-election is prudent. I am disappointed that the elected trustee did not fulfill her service commitment. I fear that she might be re-elected. The trustee position is clearly not her political priority.
495.	Cost and voter apathy.
496.	None. I'm more concerned about the fact that the Board seems to find this a confusing issue.
497.	The cost - Sheila Taylor should be prohibited from running.
498.	Cost. Offer Ms. Taylor her job back as she was duly elected and reluctantly resigned due to inflexibility of the board to allow her to take a leave of absence.
499.	I have no concerns. A by-election should be held without question. No excuses.
500.	Concerns I would have include the cost to ratepayers for holding a by-election and, more significantly, the fact that the former trustee, who resigned her position for a political opportunity outside the CBE may choose now to return to the post she left for crass political purposes. With respect, the office of CBE trustee's should not be used for political gain or opportunism in such a manner.
501.	\$\$\$.

502.	Sheila Taylor should not have been forced to resign. Reinststate her. There will be fewer than 10% of eligible voters turn out and it is a waste of time and money
503.	It is a waste of money. Reappoint Sheila Taylor.
504.	None
505.	the cost that the CBE would have to pay; this would be an additional cost, I'm sure that it wasn't planned for
506.	The cost
507.	Cost. Too much focus on by-election, not enough school board work being done. Likely, very few people would vote in the by-election either, which would not make it a true reflection of the eligible voters in those wards.If [REDACTED] were to run again, and it seems likely she would, would she take a leave of absence from her job working in government? This seems like a conflict of interest.
508.	None
509.	the fact it hasn't started to happen.
510.	Expense of having an election.
511.	None
512.	Costliness and making voters even more apathetic.
513.	Waste of money, since the already elected representative is available to be asked back.
514.	Cost, time, resources being taken away from students and re-allocated needlessly. It was unethical for the board to force the prior trustee to resign.
515.	cost, time, voter turn out, but i still feel democratic process trumps these especially as we near another provincial budget, deal with sla and inspiring education
516.	Cost
517.	The cost is ridiculous.
518.	Costly
519.	Cost
520.	none to speak of.
521.	Waste of money
522.	The cost of \$140,000-\$170,000 does not justify the fact that the voter turnout will likely be low (based on the 2002 byelection voter turnout rate). If this money comes out of the CBE's operating budget, does it mean the CBE will have to cut back costs elsewhere? Could this somehow impact the students?
523.	None! Some of the cost (although small) from the lack of salary paid to the vacant trustee will be used in the election.
524.	the gigantic waste of money that will come with the by-election. Please just give Sheila Taylor her job back and get back to business

525.	Cost.
526.	The cost but realistically it needs to be spent.
527.	I would have concerns about NOT holding a byelection.
528.	None
529.	The funds to pay for it have to come from somewhere
530.	too costly - allow Sheila Taylor to represent Wards 11& 13.
531.	Cost
532.	The cost
533.	Wasting money.
534.	Cost. Does it cost more or less to hold the by-election now as opposed to waiting until some future date.
535.	Expense, time required, low voter turnout.
536.	Financial Cost is significant.
537.	The money will not be spent effectively or efficiently. It seems high at over \$100k.
538.	I believe that board members should simply rescind their motion to accept Sheila Taylor's resignation. The expense and distraction from the business of stewarding the education of CBE students could then be avoided.
539.	Cost.
540.	Cost
541.	The cost
542.	waste of money and low voter turnout.
543.	The new staff are greedy and spenders.
544.	Low voter turnout means any candidate that can rally a modest group of supporters will win. 3.4% turnout does not beget good democracy, hence another reason to spare the expense.
545.	Waste of valuable funds. Money could be actually spent helping students and schools
546.	Only concern is HOW the byelection is managed - specifically that the electorate isn't properly introduced to the candidates and knows little - if anything at all - about them.
547.	The cost and I imagine voter turnout would be very low as it was in 2003.
548.	costs
549.	I don't have any concerns.
550.	The cost
551.	Mainly the cost. I also wonder how many citizens who have the right to vote, will actually vote. Would it really be a true representation.

552.	Cost
553.	None.
554.	Waste.
555.	voter apathy for \$100,000 is not cost effective or worth the time
556.	Cost and low voter turnout
557.	1. Cost 2. Bringing new elected official up to speed on issues 3. Use of election by outside advocacy group to push candidate during an election where their will be very low voter turnout bring disruption and conflict 4. Quality of candidates
558.	There is no need. The low prior turnout tells the whole story about why not to waste the money, as it is hardly a representative decision anyway!
559.	CBE cannot afford to spend the money on this. It was a huge mistake forcing Sheila Taylor to resign in the first place. We wouldn't be in this position.
560.	My concern is that \$150,000 that could be going towards students, wouldn't be.
561.	Cost of holding the election with regards to the low voter turnout.
562.	Too expensive for too little turnout.
563.	None - there is no alternative to a by-election.
564.	I hope that if it's help everything possible is done to get out the vote.
565.	The quicker the better
566.	The choice of good candidates.
567.	none
568.	waste of money.
569.	Cost. Money could be better spent on kids' education.
570.	Cost...
571.	Cost
572.	None
573.	None
574.	None
575.	There is a cost - but a democracy always has a cost to enable it to function.
576.	I would be concerned about adequate communication of polling, issues and candidates
577.	None
578.	None
579.	None.
580.	the cost: just offer Sheila taylor her old job. she was so good at it: she deserves the chance

	to come back
581.	The huge cost, waste of time and resources that the byelection would take away from our school board.
582.	None
583.	I am concerned that it WOULD NOT be held in order to save money, which I view as highly problematic.
584.	Seems like a lot of money to spend. And a lot of time spent organizing and running it. Plus if the earliest it can be held is spring 2015, that is a long ways off.
585.	My major concerns are the apathy of voters and the costs associated with a byelection.
586.	None.
587.	None.
588.	mostly financial
589.	Don't have any.
590.	It should be held at the earliest reasonable date.
591.	none
592.	Simple - finance. The amount spent on it would be much better spent elsewhere.
593.	financial cost getting out of hand, as all CBE ventures do
594.	Waste of money that could be better spent, especially since we are already halfway through a term by that point.
595.	The cost! I would like to see the Board consider offering the position back to Sheila Taylor if she is still interested, without having a byelection. She had an approval rating higher than Mayor Nenshi's in the last election and that speaks volumes about how much she is respected and supported by the wards she represented. The Calgary Herald wrote an article last week indicating that a professional had reviewed the School Act and that he felt that this would be possible to do. It is a win-win situation. Sheila is an asset the CBE should not lose. The CBE would in turn not lose any money by conducting a byelection.
596.	Cost. Our school budget keeps getting decreased. Seems wasteful especially based on previous stats illustrating low turn out. If trustees can cover the wards then that should be sufficient.
597.	Nothing.
598.	none
599.	None. Cost should not be a factor in our democracy.
600.	The cost of running the election taking away from more important things, like teachers and resources, which directly impacts our children's immediate learning environment. I'd need to understand the urgency to replace the spot before I would be able to fully grasp and get on board with the cost vs. benefit scenario.
601.	None

602.	none
603.	Voter turnout will likely be quite poor.
604.	The cost of holding a byelection, when compared to the likely voter turnout (based on the example from the last byelection) is prohibitive. When voter turnout is very low, the extent to which the vote accurately reflects the wishes of the greater community is probably questionable.
605.	cost for such a small result - such a small turnout - to what purpose
606.	None
607.	None
608.	The only Concern would be that the same people would remain in power and not positive change would take place.
609.	None. There are roughly three years left in the term and representation for wards 11 and 13 is essential.
610.	low voter turnout, challenges for candidates running a campaign in winter
611.	Potential disruption to the functions of the trustees and process of the year. Cost.
612.	Cost and low voter turn out.
613.	none
614.	Obviously minimizing cost and working to enhance participation would be key objectives, but such is the costs of a democratic system. It is deeply unfortunate that Sheila Taylor choose her personal wants above the commitment she made to the ward that elected her. It was not because of some tragedy with her or her family, but personal ambition. Short of extracting compensation from Ms. Taylor, we simply know some degree of the cost of her decision when the costs of the byelection are tabulated.
615.	The obvious one is cost but democracy is not FREE and so the cost should be embraced based on the ideals and benefits of representative governance. Frankly and not meaning to be pejorative, I would be PERSONALLY concerned if Ms. Sheila Taylor were to stand and be re-elected as based on her political affiliation demonstrated in the last provincial by-election there could/would (in my mind) be a definite conflict of interest. In other words, if re-elected, whose interest would such an individual be attending to first?
616.	It would be expensive to hold a byelection, and I don't see the value for money. If anything, I would prefer that the Board of Trustees be eliminated as part of the CBE's governance model, because it does not have the authority (r the money) to effect real change.
617.	The low voter turnout, but it's still good for those who do get involved.
618.	Cost would be a concern but could we not do it online. Would it cost that much more then this silly survey that keeps asking the same question over and over! Are we looking for a different answer?
619.	I have budgetary concerns about holding a by-election. People don't seem to be too interested in trustee races to begin with. There will likely be a very low voter turnout and I don't think it's worth the cost.

620.	none
621.	Waste of valuable tax money
622.	The administration cost of holding a byelection could have been spent directly on educating the students.
623.	None
624.	none.
625.	None.
626.	None, please hold one.
627.	Cost vs. voter turn out is dismal. Rather books, teachers, resources with the funds.
628.	Costs to students at the price of materials in the classroom etc.
629.	Lack of voter turn out. Extravagant use of funds better spent directly on things that a bettder used in the schools/ classroom
630.	Schools are stretched for funds. Classes are huge!! Spending money on a person's career decision rather than on students. Optics on this are not good.
631.	No concerns
632.	I do not have any concerns. A representative democracy requires fair representation.
633.	Not enough value for the cost. Not likely enough voter turnout for good Democratic process /true representation.
634.	Interference from political parties.
635.	none
636.	I've heard some complain about the fiscal cost of holding a byelection. How can one put a dollar figure on people's democratic right to vote for an elected official? Furthermore, at a cost of \$170,000, this represents less than 0.02% of the overall budget for the CBE. While a significant dollar amount taken as is, it would probably get lost in rounding when discussing the overall budget.
637.	read above statements again!!!
638.	Wasting money with 1% voter turnout

What concerns would you have if a byelection was not held? |

#	Response
1.	None
2.	none
3.	None
4.	None. Work can be divided up among remaining 6 trustees.
5.	Either operate without a trustee or offer her job back

6.	Trustees as a group not being effective due to being overloaded if they are short one member. I am, quite frankly, extremely dissatisfied that this decision even has to be made at this time. It is beyond comprehension that Ms. Taylor's request for an unpaid leave were not granted. If she had won the election, she would have had to immediately resign, but having lost the election, she should have been immediately re-instated (or resigned if she so wished).
7.	Nothing at all as long as parents, principals, schools can still access trustee or trustee office
8.	The status quo of disservice to the students would remain.
9.	None
10.	Misrepresentation or lack of representation for Wards 11 & 13.
11.	Ya lost only good trustee, outspoken, critical, hurdman can't be expected to do it all herself.
12.	none; we'd be fine until the next election
13.	Lack of representation for Wards 11 and 13, and a potential gap in political influence from the areas.
14.	Having to wait till the next civic election to have school issues addressed. Overload of current trustees.
15.	Because of ward system., one ward not represents for 3 years
16.	A precedent could be established and could later on allow the CBE to not fill all the seats
17.	Does this underline that we don't need as many trustees?
18.	None.
19.	none, the other school board trustees can share the work for the area.
20.	The constituents of wards 11 and 13 are not represented at the CBE table.
21.	That the person chosen to represent was not chosen by the public - instead they are chosen by the board - what would their intentions be? What are their alliances? How were they chosen?
22.	None
23.	We live in a democracy. I want to have a fairly elected person representing my ward.
24.	None; as long as the average work load has been successfully divided and covered by the other sitting Trustees of the CBE.
25.	No fair and balanced representation
26.	Costs too high for low voter turnout
27.	No concerns.
28.	None
29.	none
30.	None, I am finding that most trustees have their own agenda and really don't listen to the

	public,or even parents
31.	None. Her duties are already being handled by other Trustees.
32.	None
33.	Increased workload on the existing trustees?
34.	NONE.
35.	Contempt for democratic norms
36.	Simply that the communities and students would not have representation. I firmly believe that Sheila Taylor should be reinstated.
37.	The remaining board members would continue their secretive, unaccountable, activities and their 'just give us the money and trust us attitude'.
38.	No concerns at all!
39.	In this particular case, Sheila Taylor had such a high-profile background and received such significant support that current board members and administration might be considered unfairly as conniving to control future independent dissent if this seat was not filled. There has been enough negativity surrounding the CBE; no need to create more.
40.	None
41.	Without a nbyelection you disenfranchise, for a period of years, CBE supporters and voters who will have no elected trustee that is answerable to the concerns/issues of voters who are also taxpayers.
42.	None.
43.	Nothing. Glad to see some common sense was used to not waste much needed funds for students
44.	I believe that the present board has the entire district in its thinking, planning and doing what is best for our students. As I have said, the money spent on this election would be better served spending it where it really would make a difference.
45.	I am confident the existing leadership would not overlook the 2 wards. There are too many schools and children for that to happen.
46.	Other trustees should share the load for the missing trustee.
47.	None
48.	None
49.	We may miss our chance to get a voice that will speak up for transparency. A voice that speaks for the students and parents.
50.	None
51.	none
52.	None
53.	Now that Sheila is gone, only dumbasses left on the board.

54.	None
55.	none
56.	NONE
57.	None - I would be satisfied that my tax dollars have been allocated away from this folly.
58.	bad precedent. I am OK with individuals wanting to run in other jurisdictions, and running again if they don't win there. That's democracy. Nothing wrong with letting people decide who should represent them, rather than having a small clique decide.
59.	if there are issues within our wards (yes, I am a resident of 11/13) such as the current issue around Earl Grey school, I would not be comfortable thinking that another trustee would truly represent my concerns or the concerns of other representatives especially in the case of the above situation where other communities have different interests.
60.	none what so ever
61.	People who pay for it don't get their limited representation. Kids then will think elections don't mater. And maybe they don't as people don't have enough control over their governance as it is.
62.	-None
63.	none
64.	Lack of representation for the CBE.
65.	None.
66.	I have no concerns. You have enough trustees to do the job. And I don't believe you should fill this position in the future either.
67.	I do not feel that this would be keeping with democracy.
68.	will the current board be effective with one less trustee? The CBE should require trustees to resign if they seek a better job, and not allow them to return in a by-election. If the CBE feels they are understaffed because a trustee resigns, then go ahead and have a by-election. if the public feels the election was not necessary, they will tell the incumbants in the next election.
69.	The issues in our ward may be overlooked by the other board trustees.
70.	That the costly and untested opinions of lawyers which forced the trustee to resign would dominate the decision and governance process instead of established democratic process. My main concern is the CBE would continue to loss its authority in the minds of the public if a trustee that was probably unnecessarily force to resign was not able to have the possibility of reestablishing her role as elected representative of her constituents.
71.	Just that the parents in these two Wards could complain.
72.	I have NO concerns. The six current Trustees are able to manage the needs of the Wards until the next election.
73.	None. It's fine.
74.	None.

75.	Absolutely nothing
76.	False and Fake representationThat democracy is truly fragile because those who are voted in continually stack their own deck or change and interpret policy to suit their own small needs over what is truly best for students. STUDENTS. The guise of cost and time suits who best and why?
77.	None-other trustees can absorb that ward. In reality, Area Office provides the info that is needed by Trustees. Or it is handled at the school level
78.	None
79.	none - I think the other trustee can take over for the overall concerns
80.	None
81.	It is the rights of those citizens to have a local representative, how will those rights be protected?
82.	The fact that we are not running the school system as a democracy.
83.	none
84.	NONE!
85.	None
86.	None. The other trustees can pick up any extra work.
87.	None
88.	None
89.	I have no concerns. The remainder of trustees can manage the job.
90.	None
91.	None, the seat is only one vote. There are enough trustees to pass any issues that come to the board.
92.	That the people were not being heard by a rep of their community.
93.	I think the existing trustees would be more than capable to manage this vacancy therefore I have no other concerns.
94.	Ensuring wards were represented
95.	The extra work allocated to the other trustees.
96.	I would be appreciative if the money saved could go towards the children's education
97.	The concern would be the waste of money to hold said by-election!
98.	None
99.	I don't have any concerns.
100.	None,
101.	See above. The board will make themselves irrelevant faster than expected.

102.	None
103.	None.
104.	Neglect of These wards. Could Sheila Taylor not just resume her Position being as she lost the election? She was forced to resign anyways, so that would be an easy solution which wouldn't Cost anything!
105.	none
106.	That the role of school board trustee is irrelevant.
107.	Democracy and representation
108.	None.... my real concern is why Sheila Taylor was not offered a leave of absence or some method to run in the election and return to the Trustee position if she did not win (as what happened). The Board now is missing who I considered the best and most active trustee.
109.	Democratic processed would not be filled, and like mentioned above i want someone in there that runs on their own free will, not an appointment who will vote with the executive.
110.	None.
111.	That the wards may not have support.
112.	None
113.	Students and parents would not have the same access to their Trustee that other Wards currently enjoy
114.	None
115.	None
116.	none
117.	None.
118.	None
119.	Who would be appointed. A vacant seat might be more helpful rather than an appointment.
120.	I would be concerned that Sheila Taylor would be offered her position back....hardly deserving when she clearly demonstrated her lack of commitment to the CBE
121.	I notice you do not ask for alternatives - like offering Sheila Taylor her post back. The board was more than a little foolish in not allowing her to take unpaid leave while running in the provincial by-election. It has been done in varying levels of government for many years without issue - what makes the Board so special???? Now chickens have come to roost as it were. Yet ANOTHER instance of the CBE Board cutting off it's nose to spite it's face. For shame.
122.	None
123.	none. If a by election were to be held I am pretty sure Ms Taylor would win only to resign when the province goes to the polls prior to the next election for the school board. If a by election were to be held Ms Taylor should not be able to run. If she chooses to seek

	reelection in the next general election then she should be allowed.
124.	None.
125.	No concerns at all. The school parent groups in the area without a representative can send their concerns, suggestions etc to the CBE as a whole. When a person is elected to a board or constituency, they should be prepared to serve for that designated time. She should have never stepped down.
126.	Money could be used to support students, learning and teachers
127.	Our ward not being represented.
128.	None
129.	None at all.
130.	Not being adequately represented.
131.	I think a leave of absence should have been granted and holding a by election would give Sheila Taylor a chance to get her job back and "right a wrong"
132.	There has to be a byelection! We are entitled to a representative for this area. Just because other people on the Board do not like Sheila Taylor and are concerned she will be re-elected is NO reason to not have the byelection!!!
133.	No concerns.
134.	None
135.	I wouldn't, I trust that the board members can collectively come up with a solution for the representation.
136.	None whatsoever!
137.	None
138.	Vacant seat; lack of public representation in the ward.
139.	Well then why have a board in the first place, or go through with elections. Might as well have the Govt of Alberta appoint all representatives to all school boards within Alberta.
140.	While your info states board members do not directly represent a school area. I am anxious about having no member elected by residents of the SW on the board for a prolonged period of time.
141.	Overwork for current trustees
142.	REPRESENTATION OF THOSE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS HAVING THE CBE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARLY THEY HAVE NEITHER THE FORESIGHT OR THE INTELLIGENCE TO HAVE THE PROPER RULES IN PLACE AND APPLY GUIDELINES FAIRLY ACROSS THE BOARD CONCERNING LEAVE.
143.	None.
144.	NONE
145.	None

146.	I'm confident the other trustees can serve the needs of these communities; there doesn't seem to be a clear benefit
147.	None, if the board continues to make decisions on behalf of all students.
148.	none, please don't hold one.
149.	none
150.	none, although the question of who should fill her seat is one that has to be answered. I would be very comfortable offering the position the the runner up for the position in the past election.
151.	No local representative servicing the affected communities, inadequate time for trustees to focus on their own communities, imbalance in the board.
152.	Assuming the other trustees assume responsibility over wards 11 and 13 - there are no concerns. Another official can be elected during the next election.
153.	Trustees would continue their business of passing the cost of education to parents by persistently increasing fees.
154.	Empty seatsAdvocacy deficits
155.	None
156.	No concerns. Alternate trustees are available to cover these wards. If their work load increases dramatically then take Sheila Taylor's old salary and divide it amongst existing trustees as a bonus to compensate them for extra burden.
157.	None, Trustees cannot do anything anyway
158.	I am not concerned because I have access to any of the trustees should I need to share my thoughts or concerns.
159.	That I would not have representation and the Board would be more dysfunctional than normalStupid questions...I am [REDACTED] contact me if you do not like the answers I gave.
160.	If a second vacancy occurs, byelections should be held for both wards.
161.	None
162.	It will continue the perspective that the CBE continue to live in their multi million dollar complex downtown and pretend that they are corporate entities without regard for stakeholders
163.	The needs of the Ward would not be understood as well or represented at meetings. I think the Areas would have to step up and better represent students and staff.
164.	Only that students and parents in those wards would have less of a platform to speake and be heard.
165.	None
166.	Lack of representation!!!
167.	the work load would need to be born by others increasing their workload

168.	I have great concerns about the way the CBE has used the law in past to keep an elected representative from doing her job. Insisting that Taylor resign was unnecessary. If a by-election isn't held, the voices of all who voted in those two wards will be silenced until another civic election is held.
169.	None
170.	Lack of representation and the opportunity for someone progressive to join the board.
171.	I do not have any concerns.
172.	No concerns; the trustee was already elected. She should have been given the Leave of Absence.
173.	The next civic election is too far away and there cannot be a vacancy on the board for 3 years. There will be gaps in services and representation impacting the students through out all of CBE. School Trustee is a very important role.
174.	None
175.	That it is proof that the CBE does not want Sheila Taylor back and basically forced her out because she was such a strong advocate. Plus, if the board can make due until the next election without that vacancy being filled, why are so many trustees needed in the first place? I thought the CBE had cut absolutely everywhere before cuts were made in the classrooms? If no by-election is held, then there should be no need for so many trustees come next election.
176.	None. Just offer Sheila Taylors position as a trustee back if she wants it.
177.	Justice not being represented
178.	I don't.
179.	Not enough representation for students.
180.	None. In fact fire them all and appoint a goverment person to run it till the next election. I'm tired of parents being stuck for more fees progressively and employees at the school level scrambling al the time while the current trustees waste our money.
181.	None. The Trustees serve all of Calgary. There would be no gap if one seat was left vacant.
182.	I would be concerned that the schools/families/students in these wards would have adequate representation by a trustee. However, I trust that the remaining board members would do their best to work together in the best interest of all the students enrolled in Calgary Board of Education schools.
183.	None.
184.	That issues within our ward would escalate and we would not receive support to handle them because no one is representing us.
185.	None
186.	Too few opinions when making decisions on the board.
187.	None - please don't have this by election.
188.	Lack of representation. No voice for wards 11-13. Many 3-3 votes with 6 trustees would be

	ineffective.
189.	This should be an advertised competition.
190.	None
191.	Absolutely none
192.	If only 3.4% of the parents in these wards have a voice and wish to share concerns, they should direct them to their respective schools and let the administration communicate them to the Board.
193.	None.
194.	none
195.	None.
196.	None
197.	None. I feel that Sheila Taylor should be offered her position back, if she so desires. Save the taxpayers the cost of a needless byelection. She was duly elected a year ago, and should never have been forced to resign her seat. We need her voice on the CBE
198.	none
199.	None
200.	None. I support the position that the existing board will work on behalf of all students.
201.	Leadership without representation, someone there to advocate for the SW is important.
202.	No concerns. The current members can handle being down one member until the next election.
203.	none - I think the best way to solve this problem is to rescind Sheila Taylor's resignation and allow her to continue as a board member.
204.	None
205.	The Board is not complete and all are not represented.
206.	Fairness and representation
207.	None. Trustees should have the interests of all Calgary students at the heart of their work.
208.	I would be concerned that if an election was not held, the board would offer the seat back to Sheila Taylor. I do not believe this is in the best interests of the wards nor the reputation of the CBE.
209.	I really don't have any concerns given previous comment.
210.	None.
211.	None
212.	No sole representation.
213.	these wards need representation. give Sheila her job back. she should been granted a leave.

214.	That someone who chose to display her personal lack of commitment to the board, benefits from any stupid rescinding of the resignation. She was not prudent, ethical or professional in making that decision in the first place. This would be the public perception of a board that reflects the same without a byelection.
215.	None as long as wards 11 and 13 have the same representation as other wards by the existing trustees there is no need to hold a byelection.
216.	Not representing the interests of the wards without a trustee and over burden of other personnel in these wards and in the board.
217.	Students and parents would effectively be left without an advocate to harness their concerns as a whole, and would be left with piecemeal haphazard representation attempting to advocate for themselves in an unfamiliar system.
218.	There are enough politicians to cover the needs of the two wards. The reality is that when choices are made we learn to live with the results. There is enough staff in that ivory tower downtown to take up the slack.
219.	None. According to the rules, one vacant seat is acceptable, and the other representatives can cover the other wards. See first response above.
220.	None as the board would still look after the best interest of the students from the area.
221.	None.
222.	Workload for the other trustees may be unrealistic
223.	None.
224.	That parents with students in ward 11& 13 will not have a CBE trustee represent them and their needs.
225.	None
226.	I do not think it is necessary. The other trustees can look after the area.
227.	Not really. The Trustee Board can operate until the next municipal election to have a new trustee.
228.	The cost does not justify any benefits gained, rehire the person who quit.
229.	None.
230.	heavy workload for remaining trustees. If there was just 1 year left in the term, I would say skip it, but there is 3 more years and alot of work to be done with Calgary's crazy growth, upcoming provincial election, and administration changes. There is a need for strong governance for a system already stretched thin. You are damned if you do, and damned if you don't. There will be parents that see the \$170,000 as money taken away from the classroom.
231.	None
232.	NO concern except that I don't believe in having a trustee at all.It is a waste of taxpayers having trustees, who in the first place, in which a small minority have questionable political motives.

233.	None. Others can do the job
234.	None
235.	that the previous representative would run again - she has demonstrated that service on the CBE was not a priority for her -
236.	Cost money unnecessarily
237.	None.
238.	As long as the board has someone that schools and students/parents can contact with their concerns, I don't think that there are any issues.
239.	Decision will be made without our ward's representative which is not a democratic process
240.	None
241.	The slow, sad death of democracy
242.	It is unacceptable to have a significant portion of the city unrepresented by an elected official. An elected officials, first responsibility is to its' constituents and I do not believe the other 6 trustees would be able to share the accountability in a manner that is effective or transparent.
243.	Not holding a by-election would underline the lack of purpose of trustees, and would set the stage to abolish elected school boards.
244.	Lack of representation on the board for these areas
245.	None - If the job could still be done with the other members, principles, and parent input in the wards 11 & 13. I wouldn't want them to miss out on something as a direct result of not having a board member represent them.
246.	Not having an election would violate the principles of our democratic society.
247.	None.
248.	None.
249.	The current members just spend and waste money.
250.	None
251.	Lack of a byelection puts even greater burdens on the shoulders of the remaining 6 Trustees. What if that additional burden creates a domino effect as we so often see in the corporate worlds and we have another Trustee resign as a result. That would necessitate even greater cost to the system. It is much better to deal with this vacancy quickly and in a cost effective way. The additional cost to the system may very well increase if the position of the Trustee for wards 11 and 13 remains vacant.
252.	This would be subverting the democratic process and I would strenuously object.
253.	None, if the other trustees can take on the workload, and a method for deciding tie votes is in guidelines or created that seems fair to the public.
254.	NON

255.	less discussions and opinions before a decision
256.	None.
257.	no specific concern, but we will be lost in case there is no trustee from our ward.
258.	Not having proper representation. The CBE trustees always seems to end up 'fractured, so other representatives will not have 11 and 13's interest at heart.
259.	None
260.	Re appoint Shiela to her rightful position. She was Elected.None
261.	plentydisrespect for the significance and importance of this roleunderrepresentation for all people within the wardsdisrespect for our political institutionsbureaucratic meddling with the laws that govern the School Act
262.	None really. I realize that constituents from Ms. Taylor's area would technically be unrepresented, but in reality they will call their neighbouring trustees, just like I do now (I live in one region; daughter's school is in another, so really I have two trustees).
263.	None
264.	None
265.	Not having an election is a great idea. Offer Sheila Taylor her job back. She shouldn't have had to quit in the first place.
266.	The inequality of the representation for all wards and the message that the board is sending that a trustee position can simply be eliminated.
267.	I may put added pressure on the remaining board members in the midterm, but I think that the extra work could be managed with assistants and that would cost less than a byelection.
268.	None. Give Sheila her job back.
269.	That I would be overwhelmed with happiness that the right decision was made.
270.	Lack of Democratic process and representation
271.	None, are we not doing just fine with only 7 months left of school?
272.	I would not have any concerns if the by-election was not held.
273.	None at all. Save the cost.
274.	In a democratic process, all regions have the right to representation. Obviously my issue would be that I wouldn't have someone to make my/our voice heard on the board. How can other trustees be unbiased when it comes down to every penny counting in the budget? The people who elected them must come first.
275.	Representation for the two wards within the board may be lacking. Some kind of input from principals/parents and students could be sought from these wards when the board is making important decisions that would affect these wards.
276.	is it required by law? I can the board still act democratically without another member?If the answer to the first is no and yes to the second there is no point in having an election

	that would cost money with little gain
277.	There would be no representation. These questions are ridiculous.
278.	Nothing.
279.	None!!
280.	Not adequate representation.
281.	That wards 11&13 would not have adequate representation and not have equal representation as compared to the other wards.
282.	I am concerned that issues pertaining to our specific area will not be covered. The other trustees know what are their school concerns, I have had numerous meetings with Sheila and she knew what we valued as a community, the other trustees do not know that, and I don't expect them to, I didn't vote for them and will not ever have too, so why would they care if I like them or not, I can not vote for them.
283.	No concerns. Adding an additional voice to the six already in place to govern the school board is a very minor change. Maybe we need an education process that provides the real purpose of the board of trustees for the media, parents and community so they can then provide informed comments.
284.	No concerns other than waste of tax payers money.
285.	That the CBE is showing once again how transparent it is, and will do everything in it's power to avoid being accountable.
286.	none
287.	The only concern we would have, would be if none of the other trustees stepped in to help until an election year.
288.	When is the next election? How long would the wards be without a trustee? Are there existing issues within the wards that would not be addressed without a trustee?
289.	No concerns. I am concerned that these questions are slanted.Allow Sheila Taylor the option to return. She has the mandate from the constituency. Forcing her to resign was a mistake. Rescind the resignation.
290.	None.
291.	I think it's important that the wards are appropriately represented. We have 3 children in schools in these wards - as long as the other trustees are committed to listening to concerns of parents in those wards though there is no need to elect a trustee, especially with a relatively short time to the next election.
292.	We deserve representation of our own, not a fill-in job for 3 years!
293.	None
294.	None.
295.	None.
296.	Theoretically there is less democratic representation; again however the board has so little power that I'm not sure it matters much.

297.	Residents of Ward 11 / 13 deserve a voice, with their own Trustee. If a decision is made not to allow Trustee Sheila Taylor back, then a byelection is required.
298.	None
299.	None
300.	That South Calgary students would be even more under-represented than they were before.
301.	None.
302.	None
303.	that your board becomes less representative and less democratic.
304.	The board does not represent all of it's constituents.
305.	It does not allow proper debate and advocacy for the wards.
306.	A lack of representation for the affected ward.
307.	Less diversity of opinion from current members. Most are similar and tend to go with the flow or follow CBE's wishes as opposed to the constituents wishes.
308.	I think, if Sheila Taylor is placed back in the position she won, my ward will be represented. If not, there is a problem of being unrepresented. The turnout for a trustee by-election would be dismal and it would be a tremendous waste of resources that could be better used elsewhere.
309.	None.
310.	Work load for current trustees. voting at meetings could be more difficult with only 6 members. I presume the chair would have the tie breaking vote, and she therefore may have more power than the board wants.
311.	None
312.	None, provided that the trustee who resigned is not offered her job back. The rest of the board should agree to represent her previous jurisdiction.
313.	none
314.	None.
315.	lack of representation for the ward
316.	That it creates a precedent that you can always come back if you lose another election
317.	The time until the next election is quite a ways away.
318.	None.
319.	None
320.	The current board would continue even further unchecked behavior. This board shows very little concern with the best interests of students but rather perpetuation of their own ideas. We are down one voice who would question the group-think of this board, and I fear that the board could use this as an opportunity to be even more closed and secretive.

321.	It would undermine the principles of democracy. Leaving a seat on the Board unfilled for three years implies that there is little value to public oversight of one of society's most important public institutions. It would de-value the importance of every Trustee and the Board as a whole.
322.	None.
323.	None whatsoever. A byelection should NOT be held!
324.	Loss of representation for Calgarians in Wards 11 and 13.
325.	See above. Also, even more 'group think' from those currently serving. Could/should have let Taylor have a leave.
326.	lack of representation for ward
327.	How long will there be an vacancy before an election occurs if there is not a by-election?
328.	The basic principle of "taxation without representation" would be violated.
329.	Nothing at this
330.	none whatsoever.
331.	Minimal concerns
332.	The democratic process would be disrupted, we will not have a choice of representation.
333.	Greater workload for other trustees, lack of representation for Wards 11 & 13
334.	Would those wards not be looked after.
335.	No concerns. At this time, Trustees from other wards have divided the tasks, responsibilities and committee duties previously held by Taylor and as reported, have been able to do so without drastically taxing their own professional responsibilities to their own wards. We appreciate the work that all public servants, including elected trustees, will have to adjust to new economic realities.
336.	None.
337.	None as long as other Trustees support perhaps 1-2 trustees could watch over Ward 11 and 13 and ensure there is follow up when a student/parent links to the Trustees
338.	Democracy is dead.
339.	Democratic process needs to be respected, even it there is a financial cost.
340.	absolutely none
341.	None.
342.	None I believe the CBE can survive and our ward will be survive as well. Experience tells me that representation was never that strong at the best of times.
343.	None -- the Board will still function well.
344.	no
345.	I would be concerned that the wards won't get the new schools that they may need.

346.	Extra burden on other trustees
347.	The only concern is that the ward might be under-represented on major capital issues.
348.	An appointed representative would be put in place and it would then become a partisan position.
349.	Position will remain vacant and jobs won't get done
350.	The only concern I might have would be that our wards would not be properly supported however I think the remaining councilors would be aware of this and would work to ensure our interests were being looked after.
351.	Just that the current Board members might have increased workloads that might lead to burn-out or impact timing and depth of support for school in their current wards and/or in Wards 11 and 13.
352.	A concerned parent can take a "voice" role in Sheila Taylor's place until the regularly scheduled elections take place in the future.
353.	A lack of representation for a proportion of the families in CBE. As long as CBE made a concerted effort to communicate to families who they should be communicating with if there was an issue, it should be okay. Would there be a reduction of administrative expenses by eliminating or reducing administrative staff within the trustee office since there would not be a trustee to support?
354.	no concerns.
355.	None really as I believe that the present board is doing a fine job
356.	lack of representation
357.	None
358.	None as this has been done before with success so why are we trying to fix something that is not broken and works.
359.	need to ensure you have coverage for the wards and ensure the parents, schools have their voices heard
360.	Like ANYTHING would change!
361.	None.
362.	Joy Bowen-Eyre would continue to try and rule the boardroom.
363.	That a representative who resigned would regain her seat that she obviously didn't want.
364.	constituents may not feel like they have a voice.
365.	Wards 11 and 13 not being represented
366.	Very few. The number of trustees is an arbitrary number set by the province in law that was deemed to be about an optimal number. However, as I have not seen any concerns that the 7 trustees were really overworked, I'm sure the remaining six would be satisfactory given the financial penalty of holding a bi-election. I would become concerned if the board becomes short by 2 or 3 (or more).

367.	Simply, not to hold a by-election confirms CBE's being out of touch with the citizens whose children they are educating in a democracy --- or is that just a social studies school subject.
368.	none. I have faith in the current elected Trustees.
369.	a lack of representation, and the process of the other trustees ensuring representation fails.
370.	None.
371.	That democracy would not be upheld. That our action of no vote demonstrates to the students that voting does not matter. Cost should not be a deterrent in holding a vote.
372.	None whatsoever.
373.	The six trustees need to be available to hear the concerns of the people in the ward without a trustee. Some of the \$140 000 dollars can be spent on making sure people know who to contact in those wards.
374.	The climate for student learning might be compromised, as families become further frustrated with the shortfalls of our education system. The uninformed public puts great emphasis on any disorganization they sense, and they use it to discredit the good work that is being done in various areas across the system. Also, this is a large area of the city that needs representation in our CBE. Are the only two options to hold the by-election vs. not? Could the CBE interview for the position and choose the best few candidates and produce a "by-election" that is an online survey? Could they reduce the problem of more spending on this problem? The job needs to be done, but perhaps the best person for the role could be found by an interview/appointment/online survey/public feedback method vs. the 150K bill. Could the board employ some efficiency and solve the problem in a new way?
375.	None
376.	I'm sure every trustee has a full schedule without having to take on the additional items from the unrepresented Wards. Even if 6 trustees can do the job, can the job still be done better with the full 7? Don't the children and their parents deserve full representation?
377.	None
378.	No concerns, the current board is functioning very well
379.	Representation. CBE has expanded over the last decade and the number of representatives has not expanded so being less one is not advantageous
380.	We live in a democracy and the function of elections is to ensure that those who represent their electorate are chosen in the voting process. In this way, the representative is responsible to their electorate. Certainly, the current board members will do their best to ensure that they carry responsibility for the missing trustee; however, this is not the same as being responsible to the electorate of Ward 11 and 12.
381.	Less Representation
382.	none.
383.	None

384.	no concerns
385.	None.
386.	Given the current system, not holding a by-election would prevent citizens from their right to have a democratically elected representative on the Trustee Board.
387.	Lack of representation & the other trustees (including mine) will need to try to represent those two wards.
388.	None really....I trust that the existing trustees do try their best to represent the interests of all students. The only concern I guess it that 6 people may sometimes results in a tie vote which might be hard to break....would the chair then get the deciding vote??
389.	I have no concerns as long as Ms. Taylor is offered her position again. There will always be those that argue for due process. But lets be practical. Ms. Taylor is an advocate for public education. I believe she went even further with her mission by running in the most recent provincial by-election in an electorate where education was the #1 issue. I think the Board was narrow minded in forcing her to resign. There are steps that can be taken to rescind acceptance of Ms. Taylor's forced resignation. For the record, I do not live in ward 11 or 13. I am just another embarrassed citizen of Calgary. I'm embarrassed at the riches this city and province have and the amount of bureaucracy that consumes these riches. In the meantime, our children's education suffers.
390.	Trustees should be officially elected and not appointed by the board of trustees. Mrs Taylor resigned and therefore should have to re-elected to serve as a trustee.
391.	None
392.	That the concerns from those wards would not be heard
393.	No concerns.
394.	The board would operate with only 6 trustees and 2 city wards would not be represented. At a time of critical public engagement and growth having a large portion of the city is not represented it may lead to hard feelings.
395.	None.
396.	none
397.	Would my trustee be faced with even more work now that they would have to field calls/emails from that group?
398.	That maybe we have a responsible governing body.
399.	That specific wards will not be properly represented.
400.	None
401.	As above, just wondering how the residents of those Wards would be fairly represented.
402.	Representation and workload.
403.	loss of representation for families living in the SW
404.	If a by-election was not held I feel that the constituents of wards 11 and 13 may feel their interests are adequately being addressed and voices/opinions being considered.

405.	Canada is known to be a democratic country and would like to ensure stays that way!
406.	We have the right to be represented by our own trustee instead of being passed along to whomever has the time. It is unfair to us not to hold a byelection.
407.	We lost our advocate. We do need someone like sheila to step up and represent families in this city. - it is really too bad she did not win a new seat.If there is someone energetic and motivated enough to take on the job, it would be a shame not to take the opportunity and fill the spot
408.	None
409.	None. Please clear up the misleading media and comments that not having a by-election would mean some residents were u represented. That is a lie.
410.	No, in our experience students would benefit from the cost savings going towards the classroom
411.	None.
412.	No concerns! I would be very happy for there to be no election
413.	None
414.	Once again that area isn't represented PLUS this board seems to lack common sense and values which frankly I feel is one of the many things that Shiela brought to the table. Not having a by-election would leave the possibility of a tie vote if that ever occurred. Unfortunately, this board still craps the bed on a frequent basis and lets things slide. Its still that "old boys club"
415.	none
416.	none as longs as existing trustees covered those schools
417.	None. And I live in the ward with the vacancy.
418.	See comments above.
419.	That "our" voices would not be heard
420.	who gets the position then? This is a public board funded by taxpayers. An election must be held to ensure that a public representative sits on the board.
421.	None if the area was correctly represented by other members
422.	Not having an odd number of trustees within the decision making framework. Lack of proper representation for those wards.
423.	Families in wards 11 & 13 need representation.
424.	None and I live in Ward13
425.	(see answer to first question) If Mrs. Taylor wants to return as trustee, I feel that should be the case. If the CBE trustee board had created this situation by disallowing a leave of absence for Taylor, I feel that board's collective decision lacks both pragmatic as well as political acumen.
426.	I would wish the ward's concerns to be adequately addressed.

427.	None whatsoever.
428.	I would be very happy for there to be no election!
429.	I do not have concerns. I would expect the remaining trustees to be able to address and deal with issues that relate directly to the wards involved. What trustees are usually dealing with is the issues as a whole system. They all represent the citizens of Calgary and act as a Board.
430.	None
431.	No proper representation
432.	SEE COMMENTS MADE EARLIER IN SURVEY
433.	Our ward is no longer represented on the CBE board, there are fewer trustees in total and there is the possibility of tied votes on important decisions in the future.
434.	What representation would students in parents in Wards 11 and 13 have?Would another board member represent these areas?
435.	None
436.	No concerns.
437.	Lack of diverse viewpointsLack of trustee manpowerLack of faith in importance of elected representation to the CBE
438.	None, I believe everything would continue to operate the same without this position being filled.
439.	None
440.	Rigged, not democratic, appearance of distrust
441.	As a parent, I would be concerned as I have two children at Centennial. The students within the school have already been affected so much through the cuts...they don't deserve to have their representation taken away as well.
442.	Complete lack of representation for wards 11 and 13 - where I live. I would also question why the Board felt they could decide if 1/7 of the City's residents did not need representation. It is frankly absurd that this is up for discussion only 13 months into a 48 month term. If it was under 12 months then perhaps you could make do but given the massive growth of Calgary, the pressures on our school and especially the more inner city schools like in Ward 11 we need a voice at the table.
443.	Then you only have 6 people not functioning as a board instead of 7.
444.	Lack of representation is symbolic for that ward, and also the board of trustees is already fairly small, and a smaller board can become too homogeneous.What should really happen is that Minister should (re)appoint the duly-elected trustee.
445.	Inadequate representation for those in the ward not represented by an elected trustee
446.	none
447.	the trustee position would not be filled, and the needs and issues of students and families in those communities would not be addressed, or they would need to be addressed by

	Principals or others which would take their time and attention away from other matters that need attention as well.
448.	Money would not be used accordinately
449.	Some would say the democratic process was followed but I think a blunder was already made by not offering her an unpaid leave of absence to test her political ambitions - now you want us to waste more dollars by holding a by-election? Doesn't sound fiscally sound to me.
450.	See above comments.
451.	Possible lack of representation of someone residing in those areas of Calgary
452.	none
453.	None. The feedback from parents in wards 11 and 13 should be given priority. I do not reside in these wards.
454.	Wards 11 and 13 will have no voice.If you decide not to hold a byelection, Sheila Taylor should be invited back to represent the two wards. She was elected and re-elected with strong voter support. She stands up for students needs.
455.	none
456.	none
457.	Wards 11 and 13 would not be adequately represented. You would never see city council not holding a by election to fill 2 ward vacancies
458.	Absolutely none.
459.	I would want to ensure I know who to contact if I have a concern
460.	The seat remaining vacant is unacceptable. Either there must be a byelection or Ms. Taylor must be re-seated.
461.	None
462.	None
463.	No Democracy
464.	Ward 11 and 13 deserve a representative. We deserve Sheila Taylor. Pass a resolution rejecting her resignation.
465.	None.
466.	none
467.	Democratic rights and parental rights would be squashed.
468.	Those wards wouldn't be represented. But, it is NOT the taxpayers that should be footing the bill for THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!
469.	none
470.	Lack of regional representation.
471.	That a number of citizens would not have representation. Also, we need more public

	education advocates.
472.	None
473.	No significant concerns.
474.	No concerns.
475.	Although I'm pretty confident that my opinion is meaningless to the Board and Administration, having an election at least maintains the pretense of representation.
476.	It represents a breakdown in the democratic principles by which we live.
477.	Representation of parents and students in Ward 11 & 13. Tie breaking on certain votes.
478.	That those apposing it are trying to hide something.
479.	NA
480.	If our current trustees are overworked.
481.	None
482.	None
483.	It will be harder to speak to a trustee
484.	none
485.	None
486.	None. The board seems to be functioning well and doing a good job without a seventh trustee.
487.	1)Undermines the Justification for the Existence of the School Board. I am concerned that the Trustees, by choosing not to have a bi-election are undermining their very existence.They are undermining how vital, local representation is to our education system.2) Local representation of the ward will be inadequate if there is no Trustee. No matter how much work the board thinks it is doing to represent the ward it will not be enough. Part of the work of a Trustee is create relationships with the schools, parents and students in the ward and bring their issues to the Board table. If you have no one doing the on the ground relationship building in Ward 11 and 13 how can the board know what is going on in that ward? It can't.
488.	workload and ineffective representation. One person or even a small group cannot effective understand and connect with 320,000 electors.
489.	None.
490.	Students and Parents in two wards will not have proper representation and this is unfair to this large group of stakeholders.
491.	less representation...
492.	A complete and total lack of respect for elected trustees. It is the last voice we the people have over our education system.
493.	Failing of democracy

494.	If the already elected candidate turned down the chance to return, then there would be no representation, so a byelection should be held if that happens.
495.	None
496.	id be concerned as to how the position is being held. if taylor is simply resuming her seat to continue her outstanding work i have no issue as she had already been elected and should not have been asked to resign. especially as out current premier did not do so when he was a trustee running for a federal seat
497.	If Calgary can live without 1 Trustee, why not 2 or 3? Trustees are important for local representation
498.	None
499.	None
500.	None
501.	None
502.	my concerns are that, without a byelection certain students and schools will not be adequately represented, the needs of those wards won't be met, and democracy will not be served.
503.	Realistically, nothing. I have confidence that the other trustees will represent wards 11 and 13 to the best of their abilities.
504.	That not every choice made for the students of Wards 11 & 13 will be made with adequate representation.
505.	none, I'd be happy because the CBE wouldn't waste \$150,000 for a by-election that could have been avoided if Shelia Taylor wasn't forced to resign
506.	None.
507.	The Parents need a voice and that voice is elected. If there is no byelection there is no voice for those parents.
508.	No holding the byelection undermines the current structure of CBE.
509.	I am concerned that political ideology around keeping taxes low trumps the importance of democracy.
510.	None
511.	Representatives of those wards would not be chosen by the people of those wards but would possibly be persons chosen to the benefit of other than students.
512.	I don't. Give Ms. Taylor back her position. You make a mistake so take ownership of it.
513.	The position would not be filled, and the number of trustees on the board would not be adequate to meet all the needs required of the board.
514.	None.
515.	Are there enough trustees left on the board to carry the workload? How are the staff of those wards after to move work forward without as much leadership?

516.	Unbalanced support for geographies.
517.	I believe that board members should simply rescind their motion to accept Sheila Taylor's resignation. If the approach were not used and no byelection were held, then the Board would be missing the voice elected by residents of Wards 11 and 13. Personally I do not support the Board's recent decision with respect to CAPSC's stakeholder position, and I therefore cannot trust the current reduced-number Board to make decisions in the best interest of students.
518.	None.
519.	No concerns
520.	None.
521.	none, wait until the next municipal election.
522.	Only if the existing staff are not greedy and spenders.
523.	None. If necessary use a small portion of the \$'s to support the remaining 7 Board members.
524.	None
525.	Another nail in the coffin for the state of healthy democracy. Public interest is already painfully low and can't afford to be belittled even more.
526.	Workload for remaining Trustees
527.	concerns and issues are being looked after.
528.	As stated previously, I feel that some members of the public may feel that if the Board of Education deems a trustee isn't needed for these currently unrepresented wards, there may be a push for amalgamation of more wards, fewer trustees. With a growing city and an every expanding school population, we need more trustees not less.
529.	None
530.	None, as I feel that the present board has the best interest of all students in their plan
531.	None
532.	Three years without an elected trustee sets a dangerous precedent. If Wards 11/13 can go for three years without locally elected representation, why not eliminate trustees altogether? Why not have an appointed body of officials who also all strive to serve all of CBE's students?
533.	CBE has a responsibility to its funders (citizens, taxpayers) to operate in a manner consistent with its principles. It has a responsibility to those in the southwest to ensure they are democratically and practically represented. I would be very concerned that the board would further shrink - why not have 3 wards for every trustee instead of 2? It's my opinion that would be unmanageable. I worry the board will face legal challenges.
534.	None
535.	Students in that ward missing out
536.	Overwork of present trusteesLack of input from public due to less representation

537.	None. Add some resources to the other Trustees if required.
538.	none
539.	None.
540.	Lack of full representation.
541.	None.
542.	That the Board feels that it does not feel that students, parents and staff deserve full representation to address the mission of the Board. Also that there would be an even number of members on the Board which could result in disfunction if there were numerous deadlocked votes (3-3).
543.	I have stated them above: 1) I would worry that the remaining members of the board would have more work than they can cope with effectively and 2) I would worry that the whole raison d'être for the board would be undermined if a casual attitude were taken to the vacancy created by Taylor's resignation. I would worry a lot if the reason a byelection were not held was the cost of holding one. Democracy isn't cheap but -- ultimately -- the cost of ignoring democracy is much, much greater.
544.	Exclusion of ward residents from CBE deliberations
545.	Political influence.
546.	A lack of representation.
547.	None
548.	That the needs of the students in my ward would not be addressed.
549.	Lack of representation, especially at a time we need changes within the CBE..
550.	None
551.	It would not be fair to the ward residents. A matter of democracy!
552.	Lack of adequate representation.
553.	none elected representation
554.	It is not up to people in other wards to decide what is best for wards 11 and 13. If you do not hold this election why hold any election. You are irrelevant.
555.	I would take this as proof that the board was acting improperly and ask the Minister of Education to dismiss the board.
556.	As above
557.	Lack of representation for so many parents and schoolchildren for too long a time. And maybe an even number of trustees isn't a good idea.
558.	I would feel our basic democratic rights as Canadians wouldn't be upheld
559.	That the area WOULD NOT have a local voice
560.	As stated above, it would be unfair to leave one community unrepresented.
561.	1)Undermines the Justification for the Existence of the School Board.I am concerned that

	the Trustees, by choosing not to have a bi-election are undermining their very existence. They are undermining how vital, local representation is to our education system. School Board Trustees are elected to represent every parent and student in their ward. If we do not have a trustee for Ward 11 and 13 then those parents and students are not being represented. Many people already question why we need the CBE Trustees. This decision- not to hold a bi-election, strengthens that argument. If we don't need a rep in Ward 11 and 13 then why do we need one in Ward 1 or 9? Why do we need trustees at all?
562.	that our students and parents would not have a voice when it comes to making school board decisions
563.	I think this was a special case, in that the trustee ran for another political office within our same area and was only gone for a short time from their duties as a trustee. If it is a prolonged absence from their duties as a trustee or if they run for a political position outside their ward, then a by election may be warranted; but was not in this case.
564.	You would be short a trustee
565.	Unfair and uneven representation which is not democratic. Please do the right thing:-)
566.	As long as the other trustees are willing to cover the speaking engagement for those two wards, I would not have a byelection. But if the current trustees feel they need to fill the role because they can not cover the increased time commitment, I would support that.
567.	The fact that the status quo remains at CBE, [AKA business as usual] and that the affected wards do not have their own representative at CBE.
568.	Lack of accountability and representation on the board.
569.	It sends a very clear message that parents really aren't involved in the process.
570.	that the ward would not be well represented
571.	A part of our city would not have publicly elected trustee for 75% of the current four year term.
572.	It would damage the credibility of the board, and be undemocratic.
573.	its undemocratic
574.	None - one less representative will not hinder the function of the board.
575.	It would be yet another time CBE choses to do what ever the Board decides, no mater who or how it affects others, especially those it is designed to "serve".
576.	None.
577.	Too few trustees for the current amount of students in the system.
578.	None
579.	The ensuing lack of local representation and democracy; the troubling suggestion that a trustee is not needed in these wards.
580.	see first two points
581.	None. What is it exactly that you trustees do that add value?

582.	Lack of representation
583.	this ward would have no trustee
584.	We would be without ward representation for another 3 years.
585.	No concerns.
586.	none at all as long as effected schools feel represented
587.	Unfair to either not replace her or parachute someone in/
588.	None
589.	I'd be concerned that the previous trustee may try to run. The act of vacating the seat demonstrates, in my opinion, a lack of commitment.
590.	Non, we are leaving TLC due to the lack of change and the poor program. Sadly the TLC program misleads parents into believing they are sending their children to a program that will suit the needs of average to above average children, when in fact its population of students do not meet the requirements them self's. However I must express the Teacher at the TLC schools are amazing they really are a gift to the CBE and should be given more power to suggest certain students who are not meeting the requirements leave this program.
591.	See the above. Total lack of representation for thousands of families.
592.	Appropriate and even representation for everyone across the board in Calgary.
593.	under representation for the areas without a trustee.
594.	Are the students and teachers being represented effectively and fairly? How will concerns be addressed?
595.	3 yrs w/out representation?
596.	See answers to the prior questions emphasizing the same point, we must affirm democratic representation. To not do so is to dismiss the principle entirely. If you are defrauded of your savings, do you stop living? No, you press on with the same principles.
597.	Not holding a by-election (when the majority of the Board's team is still ahead) would provide evidence that the CBE as an organization is not always willing to adhere to well established democratic traditions. I might add that there is already some 'schools' of thought that may already believe this. Otherwise, regardless of what the School Act says, I would ask Trustees to remember that the exercise of democratic principles MUST not ONLY be done BUT also MUST be SEEN to be done....
598.	None.
599.	No actual representation for those areas affected.
600.	My concern would be how would the void of that seat be filled. Who takes on the extra work load. Who speaks for that area and their specific needs?
601.	none
602.	Slippery slope and also could be interpreted that not that many trustees are really needed.

603.	None. If another resignation occurred then a by election could occur
604.	The lack of respect for democratic principles.
605.	Lack of a seventh trustee, needed for reasons explained in question #1.
606.	Many concerns. Simply not the correct thing to do.
607.	Children, families and communities in the SW would be left without a voice in the school board.
608.	None
609.	None.
610.	Non since the existing trustees are supposed to run the cbe as a whole. Not catering to individual desires
611.	None
612.	An unfair disadvantage to my child's education.
613.	The parents and students in Ward 11 and 13 would not an elected voice.
614.	Make sure that ward gets attention from existing trustees and their concerns are still addressed.
615.	That a large portion of the city would not have a voice at the CBE. That the burden of engagement would fall on other trustees. That area and school specific issues would be overlooked by other trustees.
616.	It seems that the work for 2 people will be done by 1 person. This can only compromise the voice of our children.
617.	Until this most recent municipal election, terms for CBE Trustees were three years, which is a little more than the remaining term for the current CBE Trustees. By not holding a byelection, the implication is that CBE Trustees are unnecessary. Ironically, Ms. Taylor resigned her position as CBE Trustee to run in a Provincial byelection. It's widely speculated that there will be a Provincial election within the next 18 months, yet the Province still deemed it necessary to hold a byelection. The CBE should take the Province's lead and hold a byelection. Not holding a byelection is taking away the democratic right to vote for the people of Wards 11 & 13.
618.	Absolutely none
619.	The money spent to run it could be better used in other CBE education areas