



An Exciting New Year!

New teachers, new books, new friends; it's back to school time. Whether you are one of our many returning families or a family new to the Calgary Board of Education, we want take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2009-10 school year.

Like many of you, we have been anticipating the return to school and are excited that the new school year is now upon us. The start of a school year is a new beginning; it is a time for us to reflect on last year's accomplishments and set our goals for the coming year.

August 27 is an important day. It is the first day of school for most of our students. It is also the first day on the job for our new Chief Superintendent, Naomi Johnson.

Following the announcement of Dr. Brendan Croskery's retirement last year, the Board of Trustees began its search for a particular type of leader. The Board wanted a leader who would build on the amazing work of the people in our school system and lead the system into even greater attainment. The Board is pleased to have found this leader in its midst. Ms. Johnson has been a well respected member of the CBE for almost thirty years and is deeply committed to the CBE and its people. Most importantly, she has a profound and deep dedication to each and every one of our students.

We look forward to this new school year with excitement and anticipation as we, along with our Chief, teachers, support staff, administration, and parents work together to make 2009/10 another successful school year.

Board of Trustees

On August 27, 2009, I am honoured to begin my term as the new Chief Superintendent of the Calgary Board of Education (CBE). In serving the CBE's Board of Trustees, I feel fortunate to be supported by the strong personnel found throughout this organization. Each department and school is staffed with employees dedicated to the academic, social and emotional development of our youth.

The beginning of a new school year is an ideal time for reflection and future planning. In reflecting on the past, I am privileged to continue the dynamic work initiated by my predecessors. Over the past number of years, the leadership skills offered by all levels of personnel within the CBE have provided our students with opportunities to develop the necessary skills for effective functioning in life, work and future learning. In looking towards the future I am excited to explore new opportunities and initiatives in support of student learning. Many of the exciting plans for improving student learning outcomes can be found within the Calgary Board of Education's *Three Year Education Plan 2009-2012*, accessible on our website at:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/aboutus/documents/3yrplan2009-12.pdf>

I am confident that with the guidance from our Board of Trustees, the hard work of our dedicated employees and the support of our committed parents, we can work together to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

*Naomi Johnson
Chief Superintendent of Schools
Calgary Board of Education*