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## Role of the Board of Trustees in one of the world's best education systems

Citizens of Calgary elect trustees to govern the Calgary Board of Education, one of the best education systems in the world.

How to provide good governance is a choice that every board has to make. In 2007 the Conference Board of Canada recognized the CBE Board of Trustees for its governance excellence. Building on that success, we are committed to continuously learning and improving.

In the spring, the Board of Trustees agreed that we would all work together, with educational governance consultants, to review the work that we do and how we work together to oversee, govern and focus the performance of the CBE.

Governing our school system means directing and monitoring the work of administration through policies. These policies give us oversight on important matters that affect all aspects of our school system including financial matters.

Another aspect of governing is to set the outcomes that parents and Calgarians expect for students. These are our *results*. Our results have been inspired by Alberta Education's Inspiring Action and its Framework for Student Learning.

The Framework for Student Learning outlines key competencies Albertans expect students to gain in school. These competencies include being an engaged thinker, an ethical citizen, and having an entrepreneurial spirit.

We have incorporated these expected competencies into our results, which are academic success, citizenship, character, and personal development.

Through any changes in policy or governance, we remain focused on student learning and success. At

the end of the day that is what is truly important. Of course, we are accountable to all Calgarians for the quality of education your children receive in our schools and how well they are prepared for their futures as adults. We expect to be held accountable for the results of Calgary's public schools system.

Are students completing high school with a foundation of learning necessary to thrive in life, work and continued learning?

We count on Calgarians to express their views on the direction of public education, the values that it needs to uphold and what learning should be now and into the future.

We have an important job. Not just us as a Board of Trustees, but all of us as citizens. The children and youth in our schools are the future leaders of our city, our country and our world. They certainly deserve the best.

To learn more about the new governance model or student results visit our website [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca).

### We want to hear from you

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

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