



## The Year Ahead

2010 promises to be an eventful year. We are half way through the school year and looking forward to celebrating 125 years of delivering public education to the Calgary community this year.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to providing each and every student with the opportunity to realize their full potential. We are working to achieve this in a variety of ways, and wanted to highlight some of the key areas which may impact students in the coming year.

### Encouraging Innovation

The Board has been involved in a few Alberta Education initiatives in the past year aimed at exploring new ways of delivering public education, and has taken advantage of these opportunities to provide a CBE perspective.

- School Act Revisions – the CBE provided recommendations on how to revise the School Act. These recommendations were focused on empowering school districts to be able to meet the changing and diverse needs of our student population into the future.
- Inspiring Education - designed to explore different ways of learning and identify the skills students will need to learn to be successful twenty years from now.
- Setting the Direction – gathering input from communities, organizations and parents on the diversity of student needs and the current policy framework for special needs.

### Budget Recommendations

Many of you may have heard conflicting stories about possible budget cuts coming from Alberta Education in 2010. Recognizing this, the Board of Trustees wanted to inform you about some steps that have been taken to address this issue.

While the Board hopes there will not be significant cuts to public education, we recognize that the current fiscal situation may require the CBE to tighten its belt. With this in mind, the CBE has provided to Alberta Education, as requested, some recommendations on how to reduce spending in a responsible way. Every effort was made to protect the delivery of core programming and resist across-the-board cuts.

### Civic Election 2010

This October, Calgarians will have the opportunity to elect their mayor, aldermen and school board trustees.

The Board encourages the Calgary community to get out and vote, or even consider running for a position as Board Trustee. Look for more information on this in the coming months.

For more information on these initiatives, please feel free to contact our office:

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