



## Farewell

This is my last newsletter for the Calgary Board of Education. On January 16, 2009, I will be hanging up my boots to pursue other interests. By that time, I will have served almost 38 years in public education and it is now time for a change. My time in public schooling has been infinitely rewarding but not always easy. During this time I have derived particular satisfaction from seeing thousands of students reach their full potential. I have also had the privilege of working with many dedicated colleagues who have exhibited an enormous commitment to enhancing the lives of young people. Nowhere has this been more true than in my last decade with the Calgary Board of Education.

I leave this current appointment with an enormous sense of thankfulness for having had the opportunity to serve Calgarians. I give my thanks to the students in our school system. In addition to students, my sincere thanks go out to colleagues, trustees, teachers, support staff, parents, and all supporters of public education. Public schools are meant to be inclusive—to serve all students, despite any obstacles to learning. The Calgary Board of Education fulfills this mandate and, I believe, does an excellent job of meeting students' needs. We have a strong, broadly-conceived focus on student learning that I am confident will be carried on in the capable hands of the dedicated staff who continue to work on behalf of all of our students.

The Board of Trustees is currently conducting a search for a new Chief Superintendent. This search will be far-reaching and exhaustive. My best guess would be that it will take several months to conclude this process, and I would expect a new Chief Superintendent to be identified and appointed before the beginning of the next school year.

In the interim the Calgary Board of Education will be well-served by acting Chief Superintendent Bev Hubert. I have been fortunate to have worked with Bev for more than ten years. She is a person of high integrity with a knowledge of the Calgary Board of Education that extends over many years. She will provide outstanding service to the Board of Trustees by ensuring that the system remains stable and progressive until the new Chief Superintendent is appointed. I am confident that the system will support her efforts as it has supported mine over the years.

In closing, I would like to, once again, express my gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve the Calgary Board of Education for the past 10 ½ years as these have been the most fulfilling and rewarding years in my professional career.

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