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As the 2010/2011 school year comes to a close we have the opportunity to reflect on the year behind us. Although the Calgary Board of Education's budget shortfall has been the focus of our advocacy work and has been highlighted in the media, our board has not lost perspective on our true purpose as a public education organization. Students always come first, learning is our central purpose and public education serves the common good.

The Board of Trustees continues to evaluate the school system's progress towards our ENDS: Academic Success, Citizenship, Personal Development, Character and, of course, our Mega End that states that each student in keeping with his or her individual abilities will complete high school with a foundation for learning to function effectively in life, work and continued learning.

In order to achieve these Ends and enable our students to be successful and to reach their highest potential we provide them with choice. The CBE continues to offer a variety of programs in addition to the regular program offered by most of our schools. Parents and students can make decisions about the programs students take and this autonomy increases their success.

We will continue to advocate for more funding by the provincial government and we will continue to ask for a predictable and sustainable funding model that will allow us to better plan for the future. However, regardless of the funding we

receive, we are committed to our students and will do our very best to serve their best interests and meet their learning needs.

Thank you and Congratulations!

The Board of Trustees wants to thank all of our teachers, principals, support staff, parents and administration for their dedication to public education and for supporting our students and schools throughout the 2010/2011 school year.

Congratulations to all of the students on completing another school year. We are continually impressed by the excellent work you do and the amazing things you are learning everyday. As we visit schools throughout the year, it is our pleasure to see the wide variety of projects you have completed. Your knowledge, skills and creativity are always showcased beautifully in your schools.

Best wishes to the graduating class of 2011!

We welcome your input on issues in education that are important to you. Please visit our website for more information www.cbe.ab.ca. You can also contact the Board at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca or call 403-294-8487.

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