

news release

CBE names first Legacy Award recipient

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CALGARY – The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) Board of Trustees is honoured to announce the first recipient of the CBE’s new Legacy Award. The award will be presented at the Public Board Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 12 p.m.

Marguerite Trussler, Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta, attended three CBE schools: Capitol Hill Elementary, Branton Junior High School and William Aberhart High School. Trussler is well respected in Alberta’s legal and justice community, serving for more than 20 years on the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, seven years as the chair of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, and currently as the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta.

Trussler’s work in family law reform revolutionized the approach to separation and divorce for Albertans and Canadians, ensuring that the focus remains on supporting children so they can be successful in the future. She was the president of the Canadian chapter of the International Association of Women Judges, a member of the editorial board of the Canadian Bar Review, and co-authored a textbook on mortgage foreclosure law with her husband, along with many more achievements.

A long-time advocate of education and patron of the arts, Trussler has worked to support the funding of scholarships for students in the arts. She was the driving force behind the William Aberhart High School 50th Anniversary reunion and the establishment of two alumni scholarships managed by EducationMatters.

“Margeurite Trussler is an advocate for the rights of children, for education and lifelong learning, and for students pursuing their passions,” says Joy Bowen-Eyre, chair, CBE Board of Trustees. “She is an excellent example of a CBE alumna who lives the Results of the CBE and she has truly made a difference to her community.”

The CBE Legacy Award celebrates public education in Calgary and the individuals who have contributed to our communities. In every corner of the city, across the country and beyond, CBE alumni have made a lasting impact.

Public education makes a difference in our communities, our country and our world. Legacy Award recipients will embody the work of the public education system and represent the legacy of the CBE: preparing students for life, work and inspiring life-long learning.

Nominations for the Legacy Award are accepted year round. The form is available on the CBE website at <http://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/legacy-award.aspx>

Media are invited to attend the award presentation.

Date Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016

Time 12 p.m.

Where CBE Education Centre
1221 – 8th Street. S.W.

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About the Legacy Award

Since 2002, CBE Board of Trustees have recognized significant CBE alumni through the Distinguished Alumni Program administered by EducationMatters, the CBE's charitable trust. In the past 14 years, recipients have included Olympians, philanthropists, politicians, doctors and others who have made an impact on the lives of Albertans, and who exemplify the CBE Results.

The CBE Distinguished Alumni Awards were the catalyst for the creation of EducationMatters' Emerging Leaders fund. Student leadership opportunities, civic engagement initiatives and post-secondary student awards are among the projects supported through this fund.

The CBE Legacy Award is a fresh take on recognizing the achievements of our alumni. Success at the CBE is highly personal, with each student defining how they learn best and our teachers working to recognize the unique talents and gifts of each student. We want to acknowledge the individuals who continue this work, who use their unique talents to make our world better, the former students who are our legacy.