

from our Board of Trustees

 Calgary Board of Education



learning | **as unique** | as every student

connect | welcome to a new school year

September brings new faces to our schools, all eager to start the year. Our hallways are once again full of excitement with friends seeing each other after summer break. Our teachers are brimming with new ideas and fun opportunities for learning. The beginning of a school year brings endless opportunities for parents and students alike. While students are joining clubs, activities and sports, families also have the chance to connect with schools and your child's learning.

You are a vital partner in your child's learning. And whether you have a little time to contribute to this or a lot, we appreciate it all.

There are so many ways to be engaged in your child's learning. Take some time each night to go over the day's lessons. Be in touch with your child's teacher when needed. Talk to your child about what's going on at their school. Your support makes a world of difference in your child's education.

Our schools also appreciate the time you take to volunteer in the classroom, on off-site trips, or from home. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to your child's teacher. You will be assisted through the volunteer registration process, which includes a police clearance.

Some of you may choose to be involved in your school councils. This is one of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.

School councils help connect students, schools and your community while supporting and enhancing learning environments in many ways that benefit students. They also contribute to the effective communication that builds relationships and a shared understanding of needs, expectations and values within a school community.

School councils also have the opportunity to be involved in the CBE's Council of School Councils (COSC).

Through COSC, each CBE school has a voice to speak to the system, not just to their schools and principals.

Here, CBE leaders and parents work together, share information, discuss concerns and plan for the future.

If you'd like to become involved with your school council, please speak to your school's principal.

Looking ahead

We are pleased with our new government's commitment to education, and look forward to working with them this year. Their support this past spring has made it possible to continue to provide the best quality education for our growing population.

Our school population continues to grow, and we expect to welcome approximately 2,500 new students this year, bringing our total to about 117,000 students.

There will be a lot of new faces to say hello to this month, along with those you've missed over the summer. We welcome each of you into the CBE, and wish your child a great year of learning and growing.

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