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# Calgary Board of Education wins 2013 Intranet Innovation Award for Iris

Step Two Designs, a global thought leader on intranets, has selected the Calgary Board of Education as a Gold winner in the 2013 Innovation Awards.

The CBE received this honour for its innovative resource to personalize learning called Iris. The CBE developed Iris in collaboration with Habanero Consulting to help teachers better connect with students in a dynamic and purposeful digital environment.

“Iris is an excellent example of how technology can be used to personalize learning for students,” says Naomi Johnson, chief superintendent of schools, Calgary Board of Education. “We believe that each student must be taught how he or she learns best, and innovative technology like Iris can open up a world of opportunity for our students.”

Judges of the Innovation Awards were duly impressed at the thinking behind the Iris project, stating that:

“The portal [Iris] has huge potential value, changing the way students learn and also how teachers can plan lessons and share resources,” and “there is very solid thinking and a consistent philosophy about personalised learning which has been successfully translated online and has not been compromised.”

Iris has opened the door for teachers and students to roadmap learning opportunities and work with each other in ways that were not possible before. Students can set learning goals and educators are able to integrate multiple forms of information to meet students’ individual learning objectives.

This is the second prestigious award for Iris. Earlier this year, the project was selected by Sharepoint as the winner in the Innovation Category and as one of four winners in the Outstanding Projects category at the Sharepoint Gala in Toronto.

For more information about the 2013 Innovation Awards, click [here](#).