



New Brighton elementary school (official school name is TBD)

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to introduce myself as the principal of the new school that is being built in New Brighton.

I am a native Calgarian, a K-12 graduate of the CBE and a proud teacher and administrator with the CBE for 20 years. I am an experienced principal and am currently the Consultant for Area V, supporting the Area V Director and Area V schools. I have been working with other Area Consultants and CBE departments to help prepare schools, communities and principals with new school opening processes and procedures. In 2010 I had the privilege of opening another new school in the community of Bridlewood and am as excited as I hope you are about a new school opening in your community.

As Area V Consultant, I will continue to focus on my responsibilities there during the next few weeks.

At the beginning of April, I will be dedicated to the work of opening your new community school. In the months leading up to the new school's opening, I will be doing many things to prepare. Some of that work will include meeting with parents and students, hiring staff, determining the organization of the school and preparing the school budget for the 2016-17 school year.

As you may already know, the Calgary Board of Education has 21 new school construction projects underway in communities throughout Calgary to support its growing student population. The new school in New Brighton is expected to open in September and will offer regular programming to students Kindergarten through Grades 3 in the first year. I am very excited to work with parents, students and staff to build a new school community that reflects the unique qualities of New Brighton and is a supportive and positive place for your children to learn.

I am interested in gathering your questions and thoughts regarding the new school in your community. Please fill out this brief survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/New_Brighton_Community before April 4, 2016.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit cbe.ab.ca/schools, click on *Building and Modernizing Schools* and then click on the link for the new school in your community. Please check back regularly for updates as new information is posted when it becomes available. You can also e-mail cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca with any questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

Opening a new school requires ongoing and regular communication with parents and students and I look forward to beginning and continuing our shared work together over the next few weeks.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Hutton
Consultant, Area V