



## William D. Pratt School

9850 Royal Oak Way NW, Calgary, AB

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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 Royal Oak.

I am a native Calgarian, a K-12 graduate of the CBE and a proud teacher and administrator with the CBE for 24 years. I am an experienced principal and am currently the Consultant for Area IV, supporting the Area IV Director and Area IV 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. Prior to that experience, I was Principal of Rideau Park School. In 2003 I had the privilege of opening another new school as a Technology Learning Leader in Hidden Valley. I am honoured to have the opportunity to open William D. Pratt School.

As the Area IV 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 William D. Pratt 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 Royal Oak is expected to open in September and will offer regular programming to students in Grades 4 to 8. I am very excited to work with parents, students and staff to build a new school community that reflects the unique qualities of Royal Oak and Rocky Ridge 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. On **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in Royal Oak School** there will be an opportunity for us to meet, share some information and find out any questions you may have at this point.

In addition to this first meeting, I would ask you to please fill out a brief survey (located at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WmDPratt>) **April 4, 2016**. This information will assist me with some of the planning in regards to the school. If you do not have access to the internet we will have some printed copies of this survey at the meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit [cbe.ab.ca/schools](http://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](mailto: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.

Sincerely,

Doug Swift  
Consultant, Area IV