



Name selected for new middle school in New Brighton/Copperfield

Dr. Martha Cohen School is the name of the new middle school that will serve the communities of New Brighton and Copperfield.

Dr. Martha Cohen (b. 1920 – d. 2015) was born and educated in Calgary, Alberta. She was a graduate of the CBE, received a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta, and a diploma in Social Work from the University of Toronto. She was a community builder and philanthropist, considered to be one of Calgary's most prominent citizens and a woman who played a major part in transforming Calgary into a vibrant metropolitan center. She served as Chair of Mount Royal College, Vice-Chair of Old Sun College in Gleichen, was a driving force for the Calgary Centre for Performing Arts, and she started Jewish Family Services. She was the recipient of many recognitions and awards, including the Order of Canada in 1975, the Alberta Order of Excellence, an honorary doctorate from the University of Calgary, and the CBE Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006. The Harry & Martha Cohen Foundation is a private family foundation that provides grants primarily to Calgary-based charities.

After gathering and evaluating stakeholder input, the school naming committee recommended this name to the Board of Trustees for its approval. The committee was comprised of CBE Trustees, parent and/or community representatives and members of CBE administration.

Dr. Martha Cohen School is expected to open in 2016. The grade configuration has not yet been determined, but middle schools generally accommodate Grades 5-9. The school will accommodate 900 students on opening day.

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