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Public education matters

Public education is more important now than ever. It is where every child, regardless of their background, ability or financial status, is supported in achieving their full potential. Public education is the key to a resilient and diversified economy and society. We can all be proud that the CBE is one of the best public education systems in the world.

Planning in a time of uncertainty

Thank you to our families and the greater community for supporting students and their learning during this challenging time. We recognize that at home learning is working well for some, but that it has been a challenge for others. We know that you have many questions around when in-person classes will resume, and what that will look like. We continue to work with the province around these details and look forward to welcoming students back in our schools, as soon as it is safe to do so. And at the same time, we are doing our best to plan our budget for next year.

We need to think differently

Our province is going through some challenging fiscal times. As this has an impact on each of our households, it also has an impact on the CBE. The funding CBE will receive to support our growing system will need to stretch further. We will need to find new ways of delivering programs and services. Adjusting to this reality requires that we think differently about how we support student learning and wellbeing. We must adjust and there will be change. We know that change can be difficult. It is through our collective commitment that we will get through these challenges together.

Our commitment to you

As we make decisions, we want to assure you that students will continue to come first. We will prioritize resources directly to the classroom. Every decision that we make will consider the learning and wellbeing of students. No matter what changes may come, we want to assure you that we will continue to do our best, to offer high-quality education services to meet the diverse needs of students.

For more information

As your Board of Trustees, we are committed to providing you the most up to date information available and we value your feedback. Please visit cbe.ab.ca/budget where you will find links to relevant documents and a place where you can provide your feedback regarding budget 2020/21.

Thank you and be well.

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