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October 3, 2024

Hon. Danielle Smith
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Dear Premier Smith,

Thank you for meeting with Trustee Dennis and me, along with our Chief Superintendent, Joanne Pitman on Sept. 10, 2024. We sincerely appreciated your time and feedback on the opportunities and issues facing the staff, families and students of the Calgary Board of Education (CBE).

We share your government's interest in career-related opportunities for students and we would be delighted to offer you a two-stop visit to Lord Beaverbrook High School and our Career & Technology Centre at Lord Shaughnessy High School.

At Lord Beaverbrook High School, we would be pleased to show you an example of the kind of Career & Technology Studies (CTS) offerings that are part of the Alberta Program of Studies. CTS is available at every high school, every day, for every student. We can also showcase the Registered Apprenticeship Program, Unique Pathways and Off-Campus Education opportunities for students.

The Career & Technology Centre (CTC) changes the way most of us think about school. While it is housed in a school building, it isn't a school on its own, but rather a hub for CTS learning for students registered in CBE high schools across Calgary. Students who attend the CTC take courses at their designated high schools, but they also access the CTC to enhance their learning through credentialed, dual credit or pre-placement programs for specific periods of time. The CTC is also one of the focused sites for our new Digital Futures Pathway Collegiate.

The CBE's career-related opportunities also reflect the CBE's commitment to choice and student success. We are proud of CBE's long history and current up-to-date innovative programming. We offer practical, hands-on learning experiences to students in the occupational areas of:

- Trades, manufacturing and transportation
- Business, administration, finance, and information technology
- Health, recreation and human services
- Media, design and communication arts
- Natural resources

We also collaborate with post-secondary institutions, industry partners and community organizations to continually improve and expand our wide range of unique opportunities for students.

Given our long-standing partnerships, along with our economies of scale, the CBE is able to maximize public dollars in the best interests of students and the future of Alberta. The CBE's hands-on, career-oriented learning opportunities are efficient, economical and effective in helping students earn post-secondary credits and develop career-related skills, and employability competencies.

The CBE's Lord Beaverbrook High School and the CBE's Career & Technology Centre are just two examples of an Alberta success story. As Premier of our province, we would like to invite you to share in that success, and to thank you in person for your support of career-related education.

We can easily accommodate your preferred timing for a tour. If there are other opportunities you wish to see, please let us know. In the coming days, we will reach out to your office/work through AB Ed ministry staff to coordinate a time that works best for you.

We look forward to seeing you in our schools.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Bolger, Chair
Board of Trustees

Cc: Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education
Joanne Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools, Calgary Board of Education





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Ms. Patricia Bolger
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Dear Ms. Bolger:

The Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, forwarded your email regarding your offer of a tour of the Calgary Board of Education's Lord Beaverbrook High School Career and Technology Centre. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Alberta government is making sure students have every opportunity to pursue their career interests and succeed in Alberta's dynamic job market. Premier Smith's mandate letter to Alberta Education highlights the importance of supporting students in setting their career pathways, focusing on increasing student participation in off-campus programs or paid internships, and evaluating opportunities to enhance existing programs, like Career and Technology Studies and dual credit.

I appreciate and commend the work of the Calgary Board of Education in providing innovative programming for students to explore careers in the trades. The opportunities offered at Lord Beaverbrook High School and the Career and Technology Centre for students to enhance their learning with practical hands-on experiences in occupational areas are key to career development for Alberta's youth.

I regret that neither the Honourable Danielle Smith nor I are able to meet with you at this time; however, I sincerely thank you for your board's continued commitment to providing students with a start to pursuing rich and fulfilling careers in the trades.

Best,

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education