

media statement

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CBE Board of Trustees response to new provincial government

The Calgary Board of Education and the Board of Trustees would like to congratulate Premier-elect Rachel Notley and all elected MLAs. We are eager to begin working with the new government, meeting the Calgary MLAs and beginning to build a strong relationship.

The Board of Trustees trusts that the NDP understands the current challenges that school boards are facing across the province. We are looking forward to working together to address those challenges. While we look forward to the NDP fulfilling their promise of additional education funding, we recognize that it takes time to craft a provincial budget and that this may affect our budgeting timelines. We await further information and direction from the government and are committed to keeping the public informed throughout the process.

In the meantime, our schools are moving forward with the budget process and the Resource Allocation Method (RAM) funding that was previously rolled out to principals, so that our schools will be resourced and staffed to open in the fall. The current RAM provides funding for enrolment growth and allows for school staffing levels equal to those of 2014-15, and we will make any necessary adjustments as more information becomes available.

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