



Community of School Councils

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Acknowledging the land where we gather



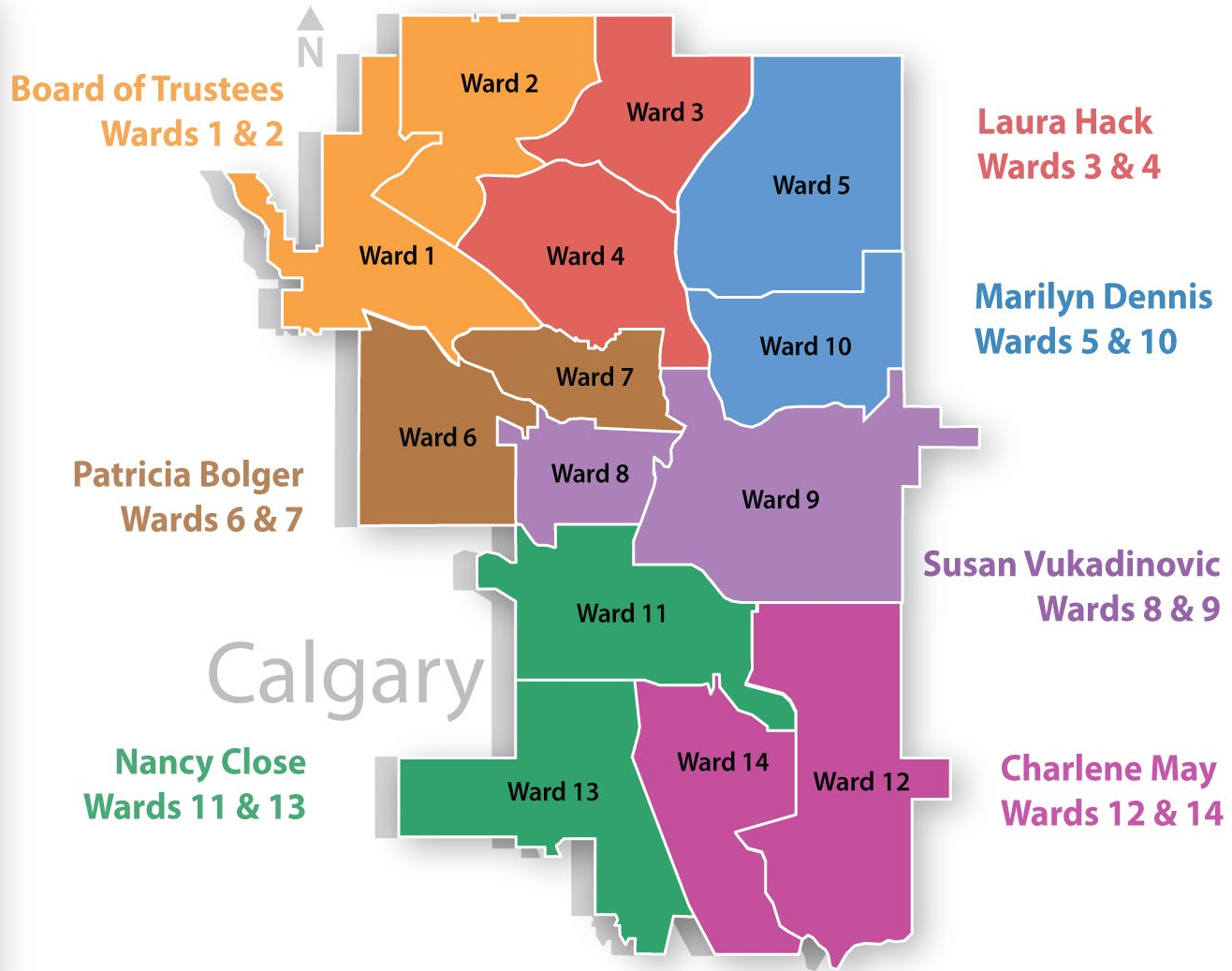
We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.





Board of Trustees

Learn more about the Trustees and the schools within each ward on the [CBE website](#).





Superintendents' Team

- **Joanne Pitman**, Chief Superintendent of Schools
- **Dr. Mike Nelson**, Superintendent of School Improvement, Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 , Research & Strategy,
- **Dr. Jennifer Turner**, Superintendent of School Improvement, Areas 5, 6, 7, Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education
- **Brad Grundy**, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Treasurer
- **Dany Breton**, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
- **Kelly Ann Fenney**, General Counsel
- **Marla Martin-Esposito**, Chief Communications Officer



Tonight's Agenda

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome, introductions
- 7:05 p.m. Role of trustees, administration and school councils
- 7:15 p.m. System updates
- 7:30 p.m. Questions and answers
- 8:05 p.m. Breakout session by division



Board of Trustees

Trustees are members of the Board

- No individual authority
- Formal decisions are made by majority vote

Fiduciary Duty

- Act in the best interest of the CBE

Oversight

- The Board does not get involved in day-to-day operations
- The Board provides oversight to ensure that its policy expectations are being met





Governance

- Establish expectations for student results and operational performance through policy
- Results Policies and Operational Expectations can be found on the [CBE website](#)
- Annually monitor performance against the expectations set in policy



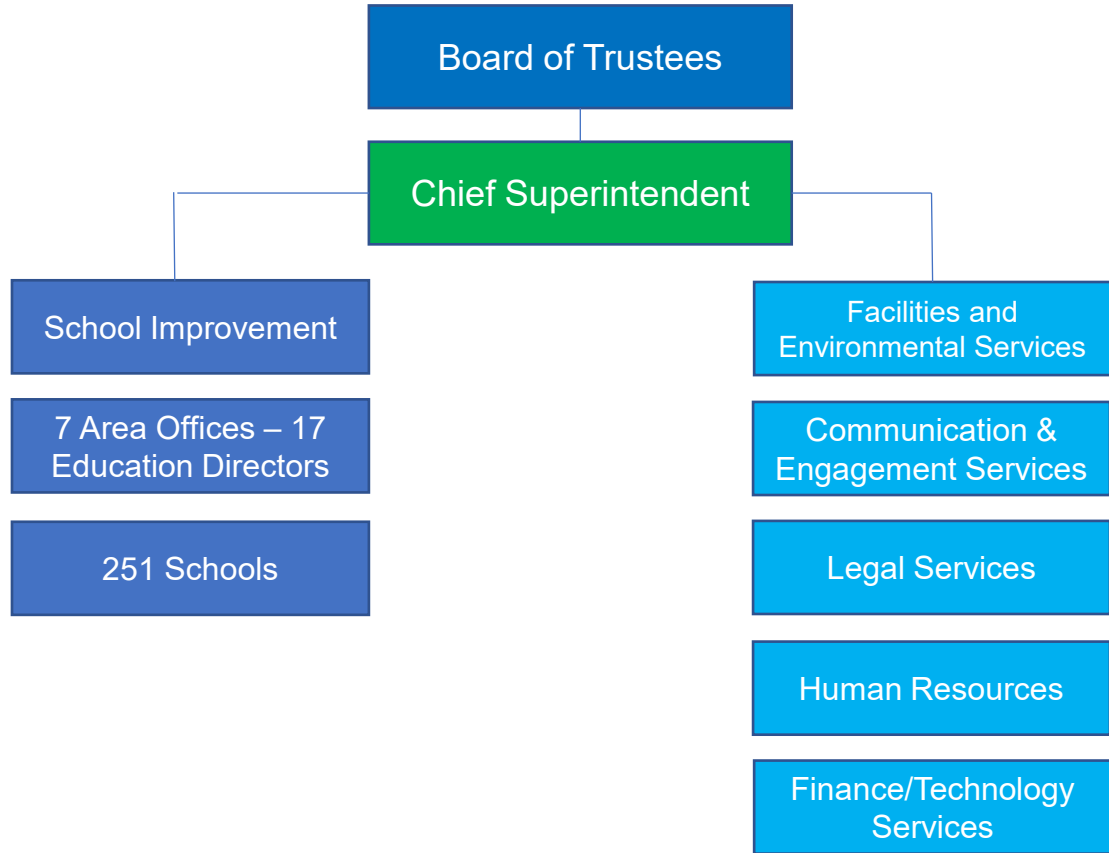
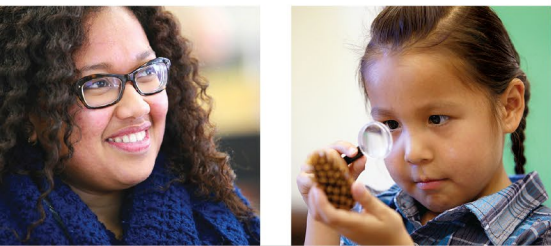


Representation and Advocacy

- Consult and connect with key stakeholders.
- Advocate and share information/key documents
- Learn more on our website:
cbe.ab.ca/boardadvocacy



Role of Administration





Role of School Councils

- School councils are highly valued!
- They exist to advise the principal and Board of Trustees on school matters, and to ensure the parent and community perspective is represented in school decision-making.
- School councils consult on topics such as annual school budgets and school development plans.
- It is not the primary function of the school council to fundraise.
- School councils do not participate in school governance, employment issues and school management.
- School councils can create a space where parents, students, teachers and communities can be connected and engaged, which is a key to increasing student success.



Important Links:

- [CBE School Council Handbook](#)
- [ASCA School Council Resource Guide](#)

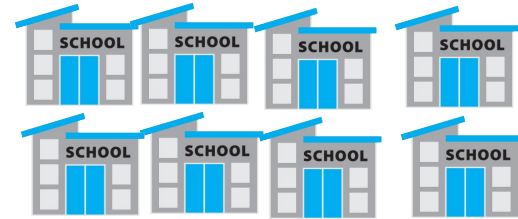


Enrolment Update



143,000 students

This is an increase of 5,000+ students
enough to fill 8+ elementary schools



40,000+ English as an Additional
Language (EAL) Learners



Record Enrolment Means:



- Increasing complexity



- Additional resources being deployed



- Schools are full – 30 per cent of all schools are at/over capacity



- More riders, more routes, more buses



July Funding Announcement

- Government announced an additional \$125M in one-time funding to address increasing enrolment, rising operational costs, inflation
- CBE's share is about \$20M*
- Majority of dollars are being directed to classrooms to support teaching and learning
- A portion to reduce operating pressures and optimize learning spaces

*Adjusted for actual enrolment



Connecting Students to Career Interests

- CBE offers a variety of opportunities to explore hands-on development of career skills, post-secondary learning and on-the-job training experience as part of their high school learning plan
- No tuition
- Students can earn high school credits. Potential to earn Industry credentials / post-secondary credits too
- Visit the [website](#) to learn more



Need for Learning Spaces

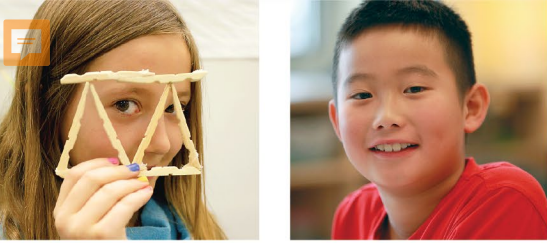
- Need for new schools, modernizations and modular classrooms
- 56% of CBE schools are over 50 years old
- Modernized environments can help CBE expand opportunities in CTS and STEM
- Modular classrooms provide some relief for full schools
- Learn more | [2025-28 Capital Plan](#)



School Construction Accelerator Program

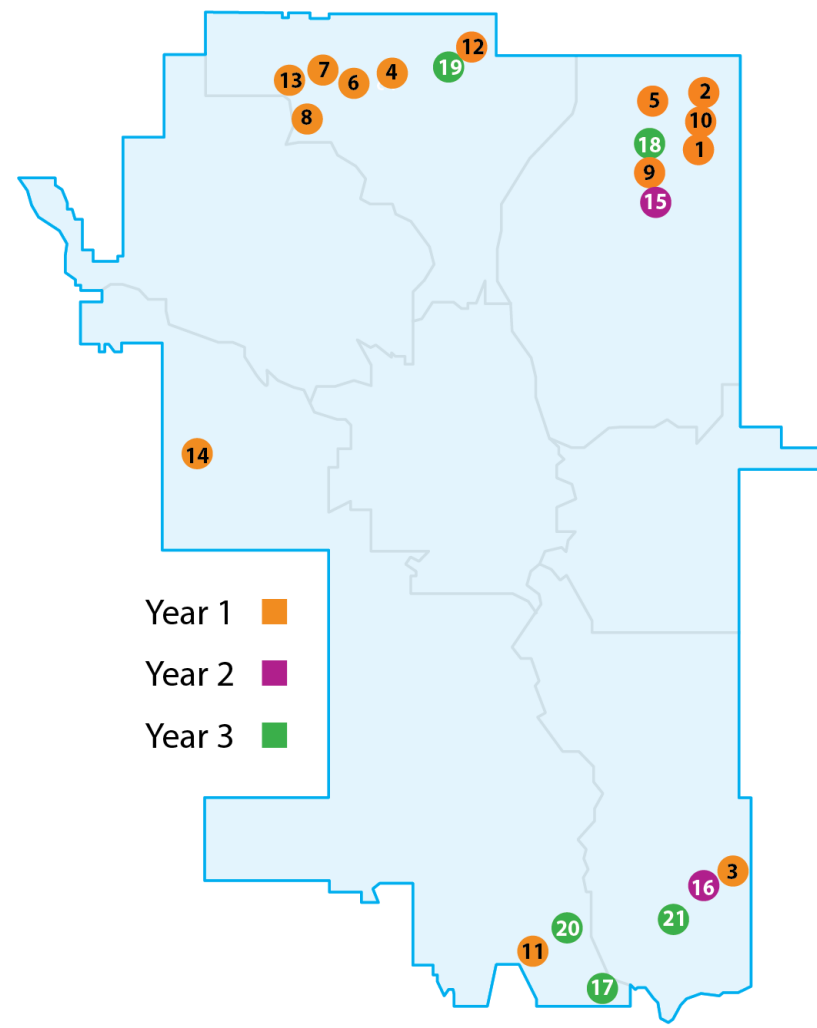


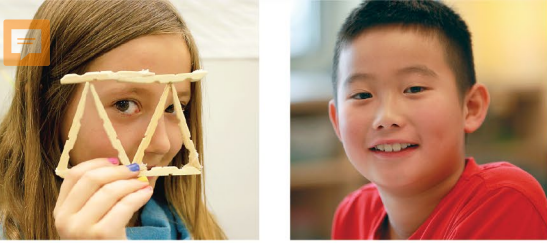
- Government recognized the need for more spaces.
- Provincially:
 - \$8.6B over three years (a \$6.5B increase)
 - 30 new schools/year for next three years
 - Fast-tracked approvals mid-year
- CBE **did not** receive any new approvals
- CBE has 13 new school projects that are site-ready
- 47 modular classrooms are being installed this school year



2025-28 Capital Plan requests

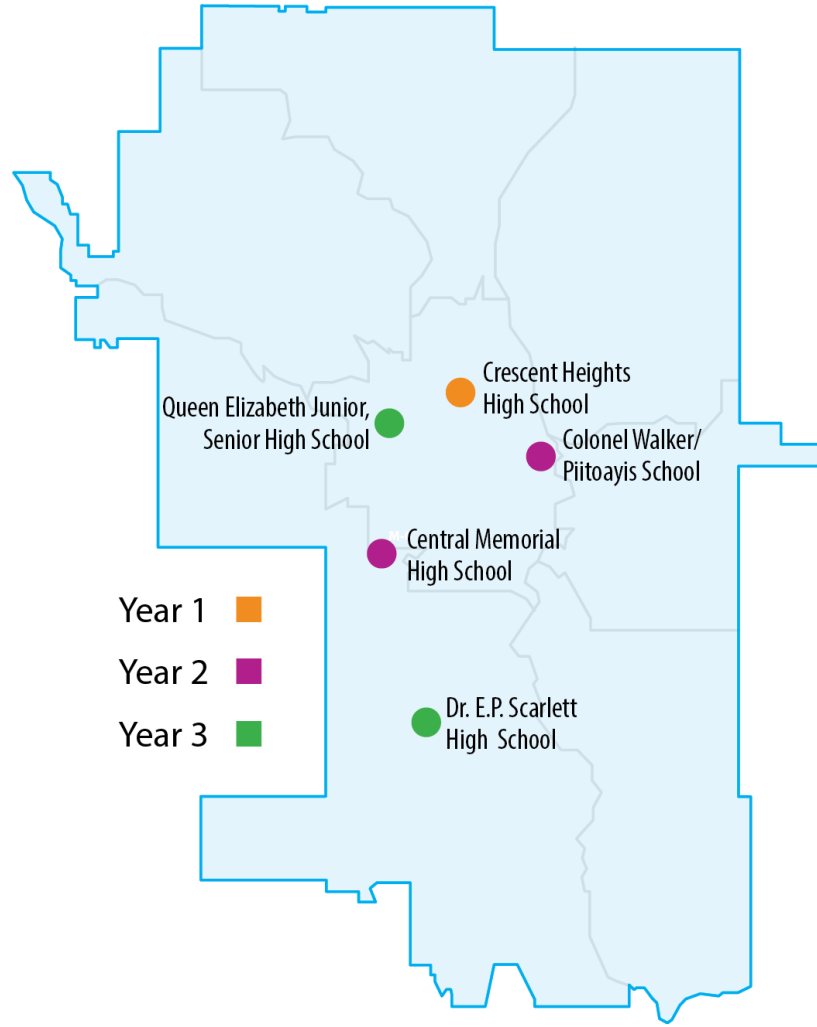
New School Requests





2025-28 Capital Plan requests

Modernizations





Capital Plan Advocacy

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/board-advocacy.aspx>





Sharing Information with School Community

- [School Council Handbook](#) is a valuable resource on many topics. Pages 9-11 provide more detail on communication with your school community.
- Two ways:
 - Using CBE channels
 - Creating a school council distribution list for parents to subscribe to
- CBE email accounts and direct access to CBE communication tools are not provided to school councils.
- School websites have dedicated pages for school councils and parent societies. Content can be provided to the school to update.
- Social Media Guidelines for School Councils



Inviting your Trustee

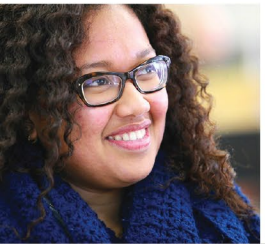
- We encourage you to invite your trustee to a school council meeting!
- This gives us an opportunity to learn more about you and your school community, and to answer questions you might have about the system.
- If you're not sure who your trustee is – it is listed in the About Us>Contact information section of your school website

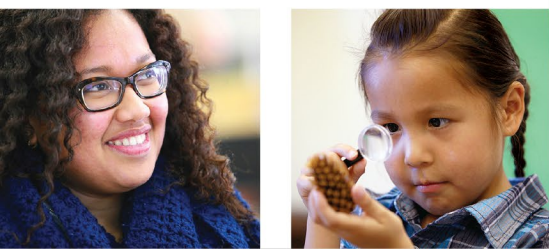




Alberta School Council Association

- The Board of Trustees will pay ASCA membership fees for any school council who wishes to join. Registration can be found on the ASCA website.
- \$500 Alberta School Council Grant is being funded by Alberta Education again this year.
- More details can be found [here](#).





EducationMatters – CBE’s Trust

- Will support your school with fundraising campaigns and donations.
- Provides tax receipts for donations of \$20+.
- Donations can be made directly to your school on the EducationMatters website.
- Create a school-specific fundraising page for targeted fundraising campaigns. e.g. playgrounds
- Supports employer gift matching programs.
- Learn more | educationmatters.ca



Q&A



Time for Small Group Discussion

- What do you need to be successful as a school council?
- What do you want to accomplish this year?



**Thank
You!!**

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