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New public school named for late Alberta MLA

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CALGARY –Manmeet Singh Bhullar School is expected to open for students in the community of Martindale in September 2017.

Manmeet Bhullar (b. 1980 – d. 2015) was born and educated in Calgary, and graduated from Lester B. Pearson High School. He earned a bachelor of arts from Athabasca University and a bachelor of laws from the University of Windsor. Elected MLA for the northeast constituency of Calgary-Montrose in 2008, (now called Calgary-Greenway) he was the youngest member to be elected to Alberta’s 27th legislature.

Between 2008 and 2015, Manmeet Bhullar served in a number of different roles, including parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, parliamentary assistant to Municipal Affairs, Minister of Service Alberta, Minister of Human Services and Minister of Infrastructure. While parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, he worked to designate Mount Royal College as Mount Royal University. As Minister of Human Services, he lifted a publication ban that allowed families of children in foster care to speak about their experiences.

“Mr. Bhullar was a passionate advocate for Alberta children and families, particularly those living in northeast Calgary,” said Pamela King, Trustee for Wards 5 & 10. “He believed in the value of public education and the importance of instilling optimism and courage in young people.”

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.

Manmeet Singh Bhullar School will have a capacity of 600 students.

Visit our [Building and Modernizing School](#) webpage for more information on this school construction project.

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