



### Message from the Chief Superintendent

We have had a very busy and successful start to this school year, and I would like to share some of the highlights.

We opened Manmeet Singh Bhullar and Marshall Springs Schools in August and September, and Ron Southern and Griffith Woods Schools are set to open later this year. These four schools will create 3,000 exciting new learning spaces for students.

Our communities keep expanding, and we expect to report another record year of student enrolment. To support our more than 120,000 students, we hired an additional 240 teachers this year.

I hope that many of you were able to attend a welcome back or meet the teacher event at your schools. We encourage families to be a part of their school communities and I look forward to working together for student success.

David Stevenson  
Chief Superintendent of Schools

### Election Day is October 16

Calgary's civic election is October 16. Remember to get out and vote for your school trustee, mayor and city councillor.

This is a system-wide non instructional day and many of our schools will be used as polling stations.

### Non-instructional days

Ever wondered what happens during a non-instructional day at your school? Students are not in attendance, but staff are working.

Non-instructional days may be used for parent/teacher/student conferences, professional learning for staff, appeals or organizational work. They provide opportunities for school and system

staff to work together as well as provide cost-saving measures for transportation. Individual schools may have the ability to include additional non-instructional days, depending on the circumstances.

Speak to your school's principal for more information on the professional learning opportunities happening at your school!

### Classroom Improvement Fund

The CBE has been allocated \$13 million through the Classroom Improvement Fund grant. Through a grant application approval process, each school may be eligible for the following (for example): hiring of an additional part-time teacher or non-teaching staff, cost of new or augmented professional development initiatives to address student specific needs, or material or equipment for the classroom.

Principals and staff are collaborating on grant proposals to improve the student experience in the classroom.

### 2017-18 School fees

CBE fees for the 2017-18 school year have been finalized and approved. Fees are loaded into parents' [My CBE Account](#) during September and October. A confirmation email will be sent in October to all parents/guardians who pre-registered for yellow school bus service. The email will include transportation fee information and payment options. You can cancel your transportation pre-registration with no financial penalty using My CBE Account or replying to the confirmation email before Oct. 31, 2017.

No child is ever denied access to an education in the CBE because of an inability to pay. The CBE has a waiver process for families who can't afford to pay the fees. Visit our [Waivers](#) page for more information and the documents required as proof of income.