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October 15, 2020

To: Parents/Guardians of National Sport School

This letter is to advise you that at the October 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Calgary of Education (CBE), the Board of Trustees (Board) accepted a recommendation from CBE administration to commence the public input process to consider the closure of National Sport School as set out in its Board Policy GC-3E – Closure of Schools Procedure. The Board passed the following motions:

- THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to commence the public input process to consider the closure of National Sport School in accordance with GC-3E Closure of Schools Procedure.
- THAT the Board of Trustees approves the public input period to consider the closure of National Sport School be shortened from 60 calendar days to 43 calendar days in accordance with GC-3E Closure of Schools Procedure.

The Board of Trustees' Closure of Schools Procedures (GC-3E) sets out the formal process that must be followed when closure is being considered, prior to the Board making its decision on whether or not to close this school. This includes providing notice to parents and students who are affected by the decision.

Public Meeting

The Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting to hear from parents, students and other persons on the proposed closure. At the meeting CBE will share information about the proposed closure including the rationale, the plans for students, and the timing (amongst other things). The meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Due to COVID-19 and related health measures the meeting will be hosted virtually to minimize in person contact. To participate in this virtual meeting, kindly RSVP providing your first and last name, and email address to

BoardofTrustees@cbe.ab.ca by **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. A meeting invitation link will be emailed to you in advance of the meeting.

We encourage you to attend the meeting to hear more about the proposed closure and to share your viewpoints.

Access to Information

Information on the rationale, pertinent facts and proposed closure is available to the parents and the public on the CBE public website and the school website:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/managing-space-students/Pages/national-sport-school.aspx>

<https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/NationalSport/Pages/default.aspx>

We strongly encourage you to review the information on CBE's website so that you are informed about the proposed closure.

Questions and Written Submissions

The Board of Trustees welcome your views and input and invite you to provide comments to them directly at: BoardofTrustees@cbe.ab.ca, or through administration at the Area 1 Office in writing to:

Attention: Prem Randhawa
Calgary Board of Education
728 – 32 Street NW
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Please note all written submissions must be received by **Wednesday, November 18, 2020** for Board of Trustees to give due consideration to the written submissions received prior to making a final decision on the proposed closure.

Any questions regarding the Board of Trustees' consideration of closure of National Sport School may be submitted in writing to Area1@cbe.ab.ca. It is not possible to respond individually to questions or inquiries prior to the public meeting. At the public meeting, having reviewed questions for relevancy and redundancy, selected questions will be answered. Should your specific question(s) not be selected for response at the public meeting, you will have ample opportunity to direct questions to CBE administration, and you are invited to do so.

Board Decision

The Board of Trustees will hold a special public meeting to deliberate and decide on whether or not to close National Sport School. The meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW,
Calgary

Members of the public may offer comment at this Board meeting in accordance with the public comment procedure outlined in the Board Meeting Procedures:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/GovernancePolicies/Board-Meeting-Procedures-with-Public-Comment-Excerpt.pdf>

Following the November 25th Board meeting, the Board of Trustees will communicate its final decision, the effective date and any other information relevant to support the implementation of the decision.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to your input regarding this important matter.

Yours truly,



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Chair, Board of Trustees
Calgary Board of Education

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