

## news release

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### New Elementary School Named Northern Lights School

CALGARY – Northern Lights School is the name of the second elementary school being built for the communities of Coventry Hills/Country Hills Village. The Board of Trustees of the Calgary Board of Education approved the name for this school, expected to open in September 2020.

Northern Lights form above the magnetic poles in the Northern (aurora borealis) and Southern (aurora australis) hemispheres, leading to a display of vibrant colors. The new elementary school is being built in Coventry Hills, a community located in northern Calgary.

Some Indigenous peoples believed that the lights indicated the location of manabai'wok (giants) who were the spirits of great hunters and fishermen; some believed the lights were the spirits of the animals they hunted; while others believed they were the spirits of their people.

*(source: CNN; Google; Northern Lights Centre)*

The school naming committee recommended this name to the Board of Trustees after gathering and evaluating stakeholder input on possible names. The school naming committee is comprised of CBE Trustees, parent and/or community representatives and members of CBE administration.

Northern Lights School will serve students in Grades K-4 when it opens.

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