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Board of Trustees Approves 2020-21 Budget Report

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CALGARY – The Board of Trustees has approved the Calgary Board of Education's <u>2020-21 budget</u>. It will now be submitted to Alberta Education in advance of the May 31 deadline.

For the 2020-21 school year, the CBE has a \$1.4 billion budget to support more than 128,000 students in almost 250 schools, including three new schools set to open next school year.

Board of Trustees Chair Marilyn Dennis said the board is prioritizing dollars and resources directly to students and classrooms, while aligning to the government's new funding framework.

"We are committed to strong, vibrant, inclusive school communities where all students have the opportunity to achieve their potential," she said. "There will be changes to some of our programs and services, but we will continue to strive for the best outcomes for our students."

CBE administration continues to develop the fall re-entry plans based the three scenarios outlined by the government – normal operations, health restrictions and online learning. The approved 2020-21 budget assumes a normal start-up. Should changes be required due to COVID-19, the CBE will adjust as necessary. This approach is consistent with other metro school divisions. The CBE continues to work very closely with Alberta Education and other metro school jurisdictions to ensure that school start up is compliant with provincial direction. The safety of students and staff remains the CBE's highest priority.

As required by law, the 2020-21 budget is balanced.

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