# **Calgary Board of Education**







# Leadership Link









## Message from the Board of Trustees

As Trustees, we are passionate about public education, student success and the lasting impact education has in our community and on society.

We continue to welcome and support each and every student because it is the right thing to do. Every child is entitled to a great education and we know Albertans agree with us. We also know that this is a tough time for Alberta, and the economic struggles faced by our province are challenging. We do believe, however, that education is the best investment we can make in our future, our province and our children.

Protecting education means more than providing funding for student enrolment growth. Our system continues to grow, and with our students' learning needs as our focus, our school board simply does not have the capacity to absorb additional costs without directly impacting learning.

If you are interested in sharing your perspectives with your Trustee, please contact us at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca. To learn more about our ongoing advocacy efforts, please visit our website.

#### **Traffic Safety**

Ensuring our students get to school safely is everyone's responsibility. Please be mindful of crosswalks, parking rules and speed limits when you are driving near our schools, especially during the morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal times. Our students' safety is at stake!

#### **CBE Website**

Check <u>cbe.ab.ca</u> for updates and stories about the great work being done every day by our students and staff. We're proud to share these stories with you!

### Message from the Chief Superintendent

Many CBE schools and service units observed Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 22, 2017. Pink Shirt Day is an initiative started by two high school students in Nova Scotia. It has grown to a national campaign that encourages everyone to wear pink to raise awareness of the damage that bullying can cause.

Our website turned pink for the day and students and staff shared photos with us over twitter and email. I was inspired to see so many students standing up to bullying, sharing words of kindness and thinking about ways to support each other.

My vision for the CBE is of a learning environment where everyone belongs. Our school system is one where students feel welcome, where diversity is celebrated and where every student can find their place. The work of building school environments where everyone feels safe happens all year long.

For information about the CBE's approach to bullying and support resources, please visit cbe.ab.ca/bullying

David Stevenson Chief Superintendent of Schools

#### Chinook Learning Services

Did you know that the CBE offers classes for adults?

If you're interested in improving your English, discovering a new hobby or high school upgrading, visit chinooklearningservices.com