



January 28, 2016

Dear New Brighton/Copperfield Parents/Guardians:

## Re: Construction update for Dr. Martha Cohen School

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is currently building sixteen new schools across the city, including the new Dr. Martha Cohen middle school for the communities of New Brighton and Copperfield. The project was originally announced by the Provincial Government in February 2014. When the project was put out to construction tender the original responses received by the CBE were unsatisfactory and over budget. Having to resubmit tenders resulted in a delay in the start of construction. The school is currently scheduled to open in January 2017.


The CBE is working diligently with architects, project managers and construction managers to ensure timely completion of each project. Construction schedules may change due to a variety of factors including but not limited to materials supply, weather and permit approvals. We anticipate an update on construction status by the end of February 2016.

We recognize that change can be a challenge for families, particularly when there is uncertainty in timelines. We want to reassure our families that we are committed to working together to keep you informed and updated as new information becomes available. For the most accurate information, please visit our building and modernizing schools page on the CBE corporate website at [cbe.ab.ca/schools](http://cbe.ab.ca/schools).

Jason Hartl has recently been appointed principal of Dr. Martha Cohen School. Jason will work with the school community over the next while as we implement the transition plan into the new school building. His collaboration will include communications with community stakeholders as well as support working with parents to establish a School Council.

We want to reassure parents that all students will have a school to attend while we await completion of our new schools. Should there be a need for engagement regarding accommodation planning, we will work with your principals and area director, as well as New Brighton and Copperfield families to ensure opportunities for discussion.

Sincerely,

  
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