



### Name selected for new elementary school in Silverado

Ron Southern School is the name of the new elementary school being built for the community of Silverado.

Ron Southern (b. 1930 – d. 2016) was the founder and chairman of ATCO Group. He also founded Spruce Meadows, which opened in 1975. He was an entrepreneur, a visionary and a community builder. He and his wife, Margaret, built Spruce Meadows into a world-class equestrian sports facility that will continue to benefit Calgary for generations to come. Southern was inducted into the Order of Canada in 1986, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 2006, and the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2012. He was a supporter of education and enjoyed sharing his passion for sports and horses with students.

After gathering and evaluating stakeholder input, the school naming committee recommended this name to the Board of Trustees for its approval. The committee was comprised of CBE Trustees, parent and/or community representatives and members of CBE administration.

Ron Southern School is expected to open in September 2017.

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