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### Name selected for new Martindale elementary school

Manmeet Singh Bhullar School is the name of the new elementary school that will open in Martindale.

Manmeet Bhullar (b. 1980 – d. 2015) was born and educated in Calgary, and graduated from Lester B. Pearson High School. He earned a bachelor of arts from Athabasca University and a bachelor of laws from the University of Windsor. Elected MLA for the northeast constituency of Calgary-Montrose in 2008 (now called Calgary-Greenway), he was the youngest member to be elected to Alberta's 27<sup>th</sup> legislature.

Between 2008 and 2015, Manmeet Bhullar served in a number of different roles, including parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, parliamentary assistant to Municipal Affairs, Minister of Service Alberta, Minister of Human Services and Minister of Infrastructure. While parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, he worked to designate Mount Royal College as Mount Royal University. As Minister of Human Services, he lifted a publication ban that allowed families of children in foster care to speak about their experiences.

He was a passionate advocate for children and families, particularly those living in northeast Calgary. He believed in the value of public education and the importance of instilling optimism and courage in young people. He was the recipient of many awards, including the Alberta Centennial Medal, the Centennial Medallion and the Athabasca University Leadership Award.

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.

Manmeet Singh Bhullar School is anticipated to open in September 2017 and will have a capacity of 600 students.

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