

## **Auburn Bay Second Elementary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the principal of the new school being built in Auburn Bay Community. It is a great honour to work with you to build a new school community. I believe that collaborative relationships between students, staff, and families are at the heart of student achievement and well-being. I am committed to working with you to create a vibrant and inclusive school culture and strong community school program in Auburn Bay.

I have worked for the Calgary Board of Education for 25 years in various roles as an educator and instructional leader. Opening a new school is not a new experience for me, having opened Chaparral School as a teacher and Evergreen School as the Assistant Principal. It is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I have had in my career, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead this amazing work in Auburn Bay. As the current principal of Haultain Memorial School, I will continue to focus on my responsibilities there during the next couple of weeks. I will support this school's transition to a new principal.

Beginning on March 7 I will be dedicated to the work of opening the second elementary school in Auburn Bay. In the months leading up to the new school's opening, I will be doing many things to prepare. Some of that work will include meeting with parents and students, hiring staff, determining the organization of the school and preparing the school budget for the 2022-23 school year.

The new school in Auburn Bay is expected to open in September and will offer regular programming to students in kindergarten - Grade 4 for the 2022-23 school year. In 2023-24, we will expand to offer Grade 5. I am excited to work with parents, students and staff to build a new school community that reflects the unique qualities of Auburn Bay and is a supportive and positive place for your children to learn.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit <a href="mailto:cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools">cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools</a>, and visit our school page. Please check back regularly for updates as new information is posted when it becomes available. You can also e-mail <a href="mailto:cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca">cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca</a> with any questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

I am looking forward to partnering with the students, staff and families of Auburn Bay to build a learning culture that honours each student and fosters curiosity, innovation, and collaboration. We have exciting times ahead!

Warm Regards,

Darby McAsey,

Principal