



## Dr. Martha Cohen School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the principal of the Dr. Martha Cohen School, currently under construction for the New Brighton and Copperfield communities.

Currently, I am the principal of Louis Riel School located in the southeast community of Oakridge. I have been an educator for over 19 years, including 8 years in administration. My primary focus has been in the elementary and middle school environments where I have had the opportunity to develop and work with various specialized programs including arts, gifted learners and science focused programs. My passion is working collaboratively with students, parents and teachers to design, and implement, learning environments that foster equity, academics, and citizenship. I am focused on creating a positive learning foundation and my greatest accomplishment is watching students become leaders and role models within our school and community. I look forward to the challenge ahead of us, and working with each and every one of you to build a strong community at Dr. Martha Cohen School.

I will continue to focus on my current responsibilities at Louis Riel School during the next few weeks and will support the school's transition to its new administration. Beginning in April, I will be dedicated to the opening of Dr. Martha Cohen School. 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 2016-17 school year.

As you may already know, the Calgary Board of Education has 21 new school construction projects underway in communities throughout Calgary to support its growing student population. The new school for New Brighton and Copperfield is expected to open in January and will offer regular programming to students in grades 4 – 7 in the first year. I am very excited to work with parents, students, and staff to build a new school community that reflects the unique qualities of New Brighton and Copperfield, and is a supportive and positive place for your children to learn.

I am interested in having your input on the organization of the new school in your community. Please fill out this brief survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Martha\\_Cohen](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Martha_Cohen) before April 4, 2016.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit [cbe.ab.ca/schools](http://cbe.ab.ca/schools), click on Building and Modernizing Schools and then click on the link for the new school in your community. Please check back regularly for updates as new information is posted when it becomes available. You can also e-mail [cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca) with any questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

I look forward to working with the families of New Brighton and Copperfield to build a school with a strong sense of community and commitment to academic excellence.

Sincerely,

Jason Hartl  
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