



McKenzie Highlands School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the principal of the new McKenzie Highlands School that's being built in McKenzie Towne.

Currently, I am principal of Vincent Massey School, a grade 7 to 9 school. Prior to that experience, I was principal of Sunalta School, a K to 6 school. I have been teaching for close to 20 years. As a principal, I find it most rewarding to work with teachers and parents to forge a learning community that works together to create the fullest learning experiences imaginable for every child. I am also a parent of three children, ranging from middle school to high school.

As the principal of Vincent Massey School, I will continue to focus on my responsibilities there during the next few weeks and will support this school's transition to a new principal.

At the beginning of April, I will be dedicated to the work of opening McKenzie Highlands 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 in McKenzie Towne is expected to open in January 2017 and will offer regular programming to students in grades 4 through 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 McKenzie Towne 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/McKenzie_Highlands before April 4, 2016.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit 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 with any questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

In the coming months, I look forward to meeting you and your children as we embark together upon the exciting journey of building an exceptionally strong school community.

Yours truly,

Kel Connelly
Principal