



The Calgary Board of Education

An Alberta Success Story

131,000+ Students



34,000+
English Language
Learners



23,800+
students with
special needs



21,000+ students
on yellow buses, close
to **2,000** students
require specialized
transportation



5,600+
self-identified
Indigenous
students



15,000
employees



251
schools and
other facilities

*2022-23 figures

CBE provides a world-class education to one in six students in Alberta. We offer unmatched opportunities to ensure students are successful and have an enviable track record of student achievement. Let's continue to work together to celebrate, protect and invest in CBE students.

Students are Successful

- CBE students consistently outperform the province on provincial tests and exams
- High school completion rates continue to increase
- Of Alberta's 61 boards, CBE student outcomes ranked in the top five according to the 2019 MacKinnon Panel on Alberta's Finances
- Alberta students ranked number three in the world in both science and reading, and in the top ten in mathematics based on the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Programme for International Student Assessment
- Teachers and professional staff provide specialized supports to meet the diverse learning needs of almost 24,000 students with special needs – more than any other school district in Alberta

Families Have Choice

- Families can choose excellent programming at community or alternative program schools
- Choices include languages, science or arts-centred learning and traditional learning centres
- Starting in middle school, students can choose from course options including robotics, foods, construction, fine and performing arts, computer science and much more
- CBE offers multiple academic and career pathways for students to complete high school including International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, dual credit, exploratory and off-campus opportunities as well as countless other options

CBE is an Integral Part of the Community

- Schools are the heart of a community – 75 per cent of elementary schools offer before and after school care, and schools are rented more than 23,000 hours annually
- As one of the largest employers and land owners in Calgary, the CBE has a significant economic impact
- CBE collaborates with the City of Calgary, other school boards and more than 170 community partners to offer the best learning experiences to students

Dollars are Allocated Wisely to Support Students and Classrooms

- CBE continually reviews service delivery and administrative staffing to find efficiencies and return dollars to classrooms
- CBE is committed to environmental stewardship. All new buildings are designed to meet high energy and environmental standards, and 36 schools are certified LEED gold or silver
- We are efficient in managing custodial, maintenance and planning costs
- Our administrative costs remain low at just three per cent of our total budget



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**#PROUD
TO BE
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"We are committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed personally and academically, regardless of background, identity or personal circumstances. When our students succeed, our communities benefit.

We are #Proud to be CBE." – Board of Trustees



Budget 2023-24

A Step in the Right Direction

Investing in CBE Students = A Strong Alberta

The provincial budget for 2023-24 provides an additional \$110 million for CBE students. This investment means we can hire the teachers, education assistants and other staff who are needed to support the students we have, and are expecting to have, over the next few years.

From rising enrolment and increased student complexity to the real costs of keeping schools running in a period of high inflation, the increased funding will be allocated in the best interests of students. Continued investment must be sustained to ensure CBE students are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

Continued investment in education means:



Continuing to Expand Supports for Students with Complex Needs

CBE's student population is becoming increasingly diverse, with one in six students requiring specialized learning supports. While recent funding increases will help, the need still exceeds the resources available. We must continue to work with government and community partners to find solutions in the best interest of students and their learning needs.



Adjusting Annual Base Funding to Keep Pace

In the 2022-23 school year, enrolment grew by more than 5,800 students, or enough to fill almost 10 elementary schools. We are expecting a similar enrolment increase for the 2023-24 school year. Every year, base funding needs to be adjusted to keep pace with enrolment growth and escalating costs.



Funding the Real Costs of School Operations

Each year, funding should cover the real cost of items like utilities, maintenance, custodial services and insurance.



Simplifying Grant Applications

School boards appreciate the autonomy to direct dollars in the best interests of students, while reducing red tape associated with targeted grants. Access to grants needs to be further simplified and more timely to support student programming and resourcing.



Committing to More Modernizations, Replacement, and New Schools

We require new schools to support rapid enrolment growth in Calgary, and modernizations to ensure student are learning in up-to-date facilities close to home. More than half of CBE's 251 schools are 50+ years old. Building and modernizing schools must continue to be a priority.



Collaborating to Ensure Success for Career Education

Sustainable, predictable base funding is required for program success. We want to work with government to develop partnerships, leverage industry expertise, address equity of access and develop common standards and structures to support high school pathways to success.

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Public education is a shared responsibility. By working together with government, industry and community partners, we can make a difference for students today and create a strong Alberta for the future.