



Community of School Councils

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Acknowledging the land where we gather

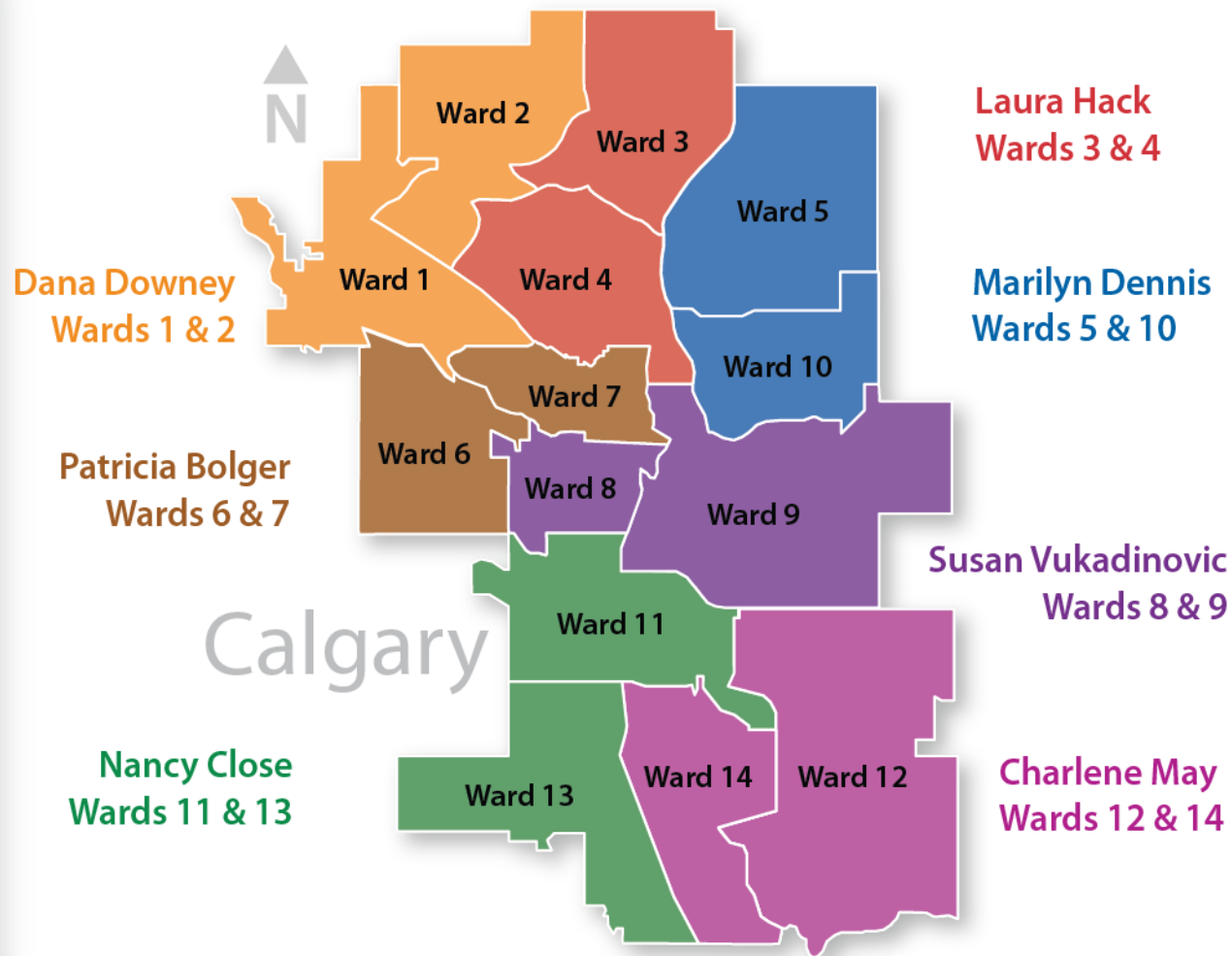


We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



Board of Trustees

Learn more about the Trustees and the schools within each ward on the [CBE website](#).





Dana Downey
Wards 1 & 2



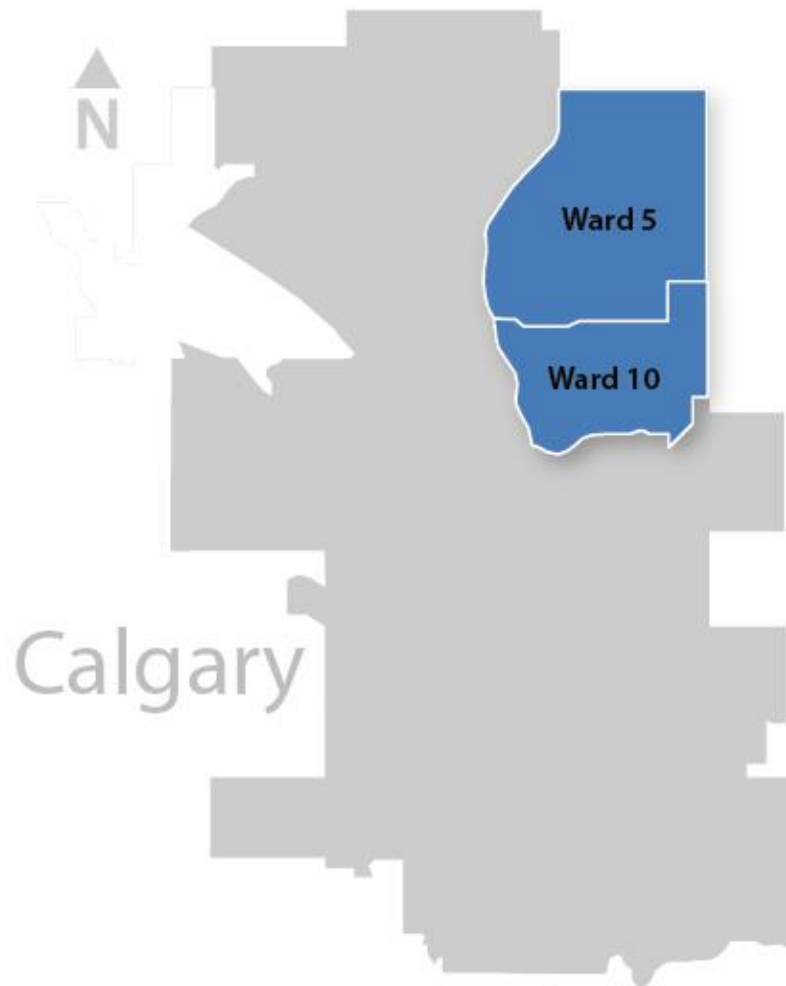


Laura Hack
Wards 3 & 4





Marilyn Dennis
Wards 5 & 10





Patricia Bolger
Wards 6 & 7





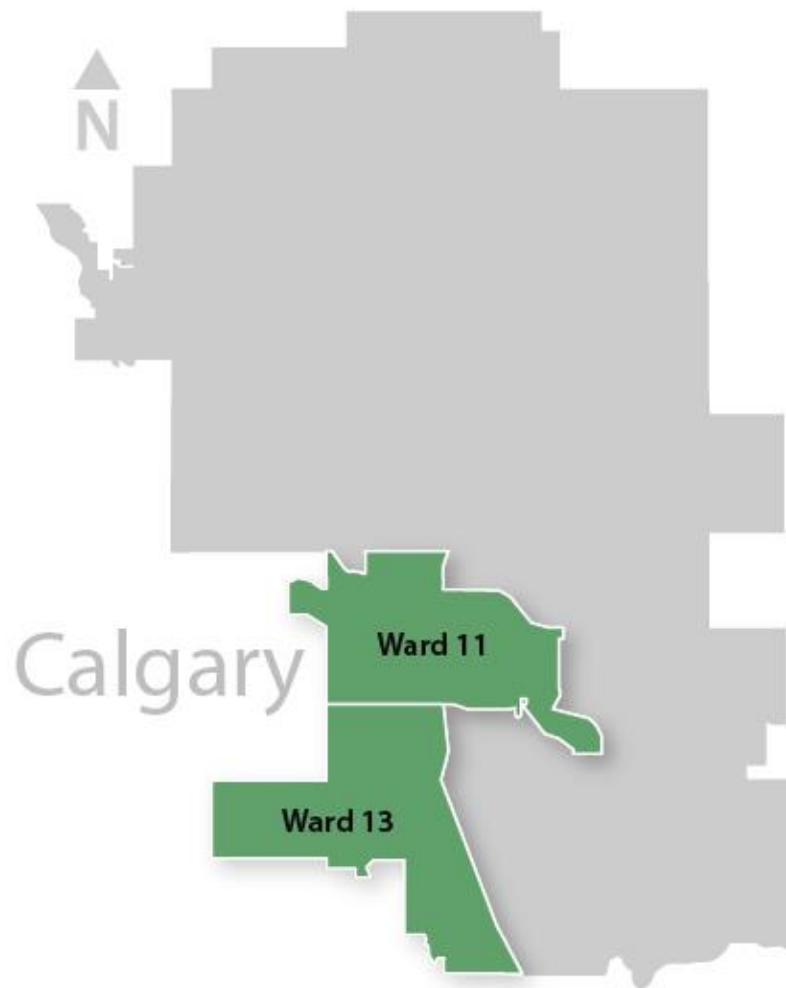
Susan Vukadinovic

Wards 8 & 9



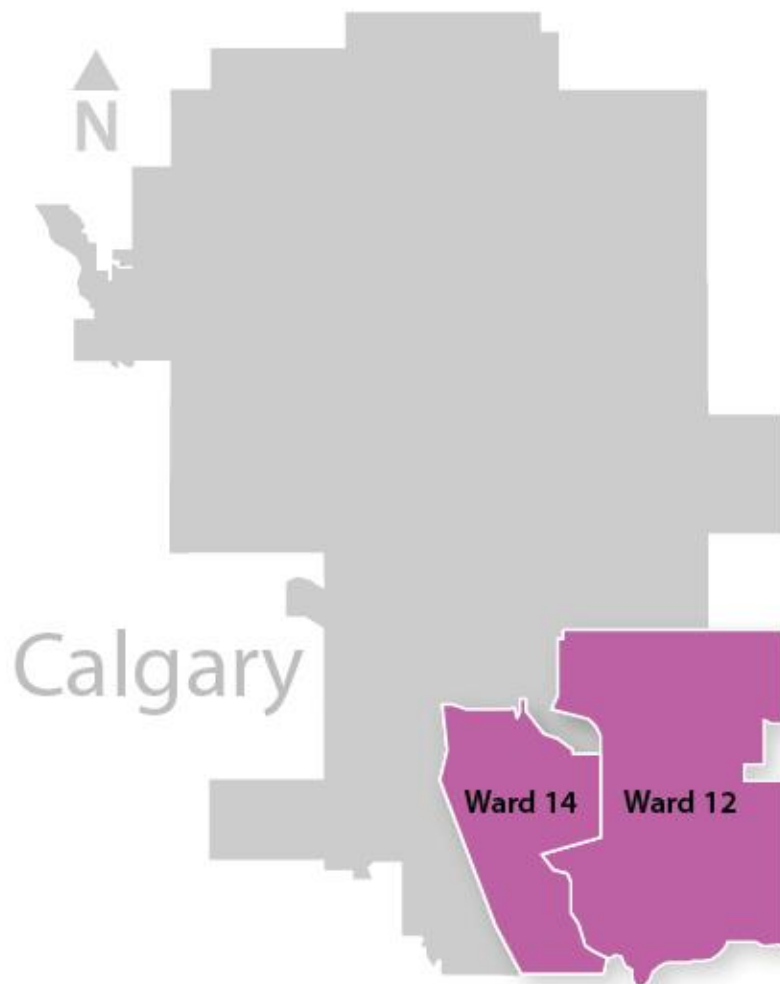


Nancy Close
Wards 11 & 13





Charlene May
Wards 12 & 14





Superintendents' Team

- **Christopher Usih**, Chief Superintendent of Schools
- **Joanne Pitman**, Superintendent of School Improvement, Areas 5, 6, 7 and Research & Strategy
- **Andrea Holowka**, Superintendent of School Improvement, Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and Inclusive Education
- **Brad Grundy**, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Treasurer
- **Dany Breton**, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
- **Rob Armstrong**, Superintendent, Human Resources
- **Kelly Ann Fenney**, General Counsel
- **Marla Martin-Esposito**, Chief Communications Officer



Tonight's Agenda

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome, introductions
- 7:05 p.m. Role of trustees, administration and school councils
- 7:20 p.m. COSC and CBE Connections
- 7:25 p.m. Capital plan advocacy
- 7:35 p.m. New K-6 curriculum
- 7:45 p.m. Alberta School Council Association
- 7:50 p.m. Questions and answers
- 8:25 p.m. Meeting evaluations



Board of Trustees

Trustees are members of the Board

- No individual authority
- Formal decisions are made by majority vote

Fiduciary Duty

- Act in the best interest of the CBE

Oversight

- The Board does not get involved in day-to-day operations
- The Board provides oversight to ensure that its policy expectations are being met





Governance

- Establish expectations for student results and operational performance through policy
- Results Policies and Operational Expectations can be found on the CBE website at:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/policies-and-regulations/Pages/Governance-Policies.aspx>
- Annually monitor performance against the expectations set in policy



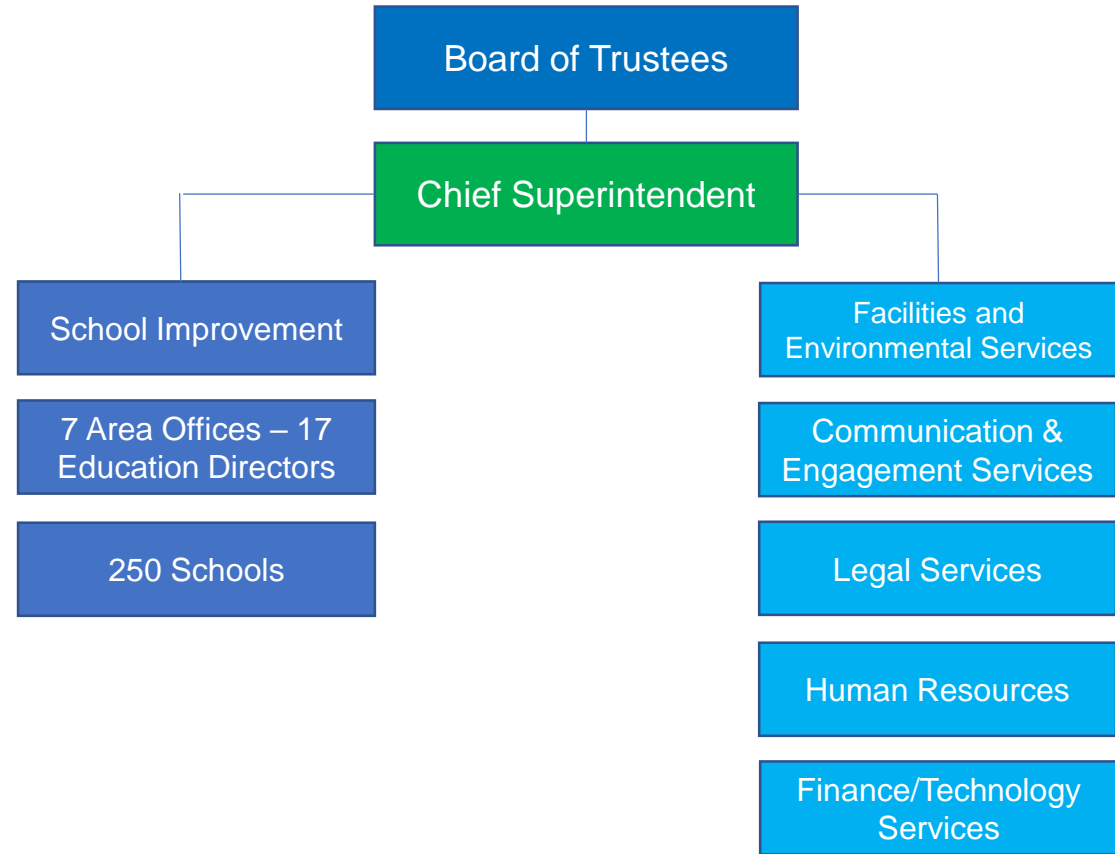


Representation and Advocacy

- Consult and connect with key stakeholders.
- Advocate and share information/key documents
- Link to current Board advocacy:
<https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/board-advocacy.aspx>



Role of Administration





Role of School Councils

- School councils are highly valued!
- They exist to advise the principal and Board of Trustees on school matters, and to ensure the parent and community perspective is represented in school decision-making.
- School councils consult on topics such as annual school budgets and school development plans.
- It is not the primary function of the school council to fundraise.
- School councils do not participate in school governance, employment issues and school management.
- School councils can create a space where parents, students, teachers and communities can be connected and engaged, which is a key to increasing student success.



Important Links:

- CBE School Council Handbook - <https://cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/School-Council-Handbook.pdf>
- ASCA School Council Resource guide - <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/181387>





COSC and CBE Connections Refresh

Name change from “Council of School Councils” to “Community of School Councils” – same acronym

- Reflects role and nature of COSC – we are a community!

CBE Connections Monthly Newsletter

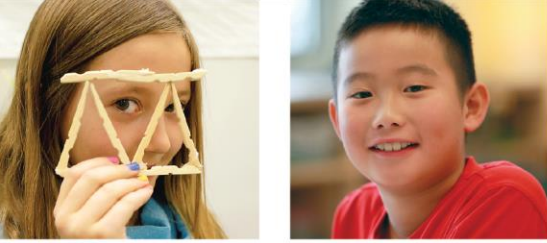
- Replaces Key Communique
- Posted as web page instead of PDF (translatable and easy to view on mobile devices)
- Distribution expanded to all CBE families
- Dedicated section for school councils
- Connecting families to what is happening at the CBE
- Feedback is welcome!



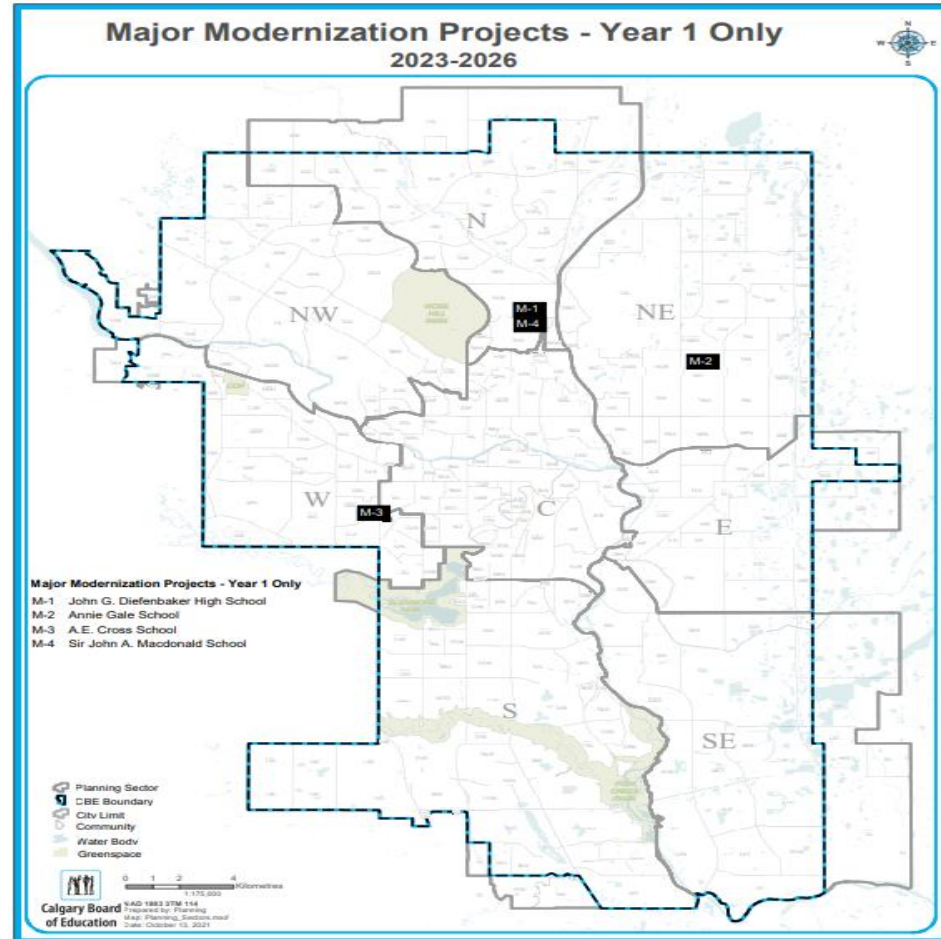
Capital Plan Advocacy

- Greater focus on modernization requests in CBE 2023-26 Capital Plan
- More than half of CBE schools are over 50 years old
- Modernized environments can help CBE expand opportunities in CTS and STEM





Capital Plan Advocacy - Year One Capital Plan Priorities





Capital Plan Advocacy

- Met with MLAs throughout September and October
- More info on our advocacy page
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/board-advocacy.aspx>





New K-6 Curriculum

- ELAL, Math (K-3), Phys Ed and Wellness (K-6)
- Additional curriculum being implemented and/or piloted
- Many similarities, but some differences
- Your child's teacher has comprehensive (and growing) supports
- Parent resources being created and posted
- Updates to K-6 assessment and reporting
- How you can support your child's learning
- Next steps



Alberta School Council Association

- The Board of Trustees will pay ASCA membership fees for any school council who wishes to join. Registration can be found on the ASCA website.
- ASCA Workshops being offered to all CBE school councils:
 - Oct. 27 – School Council Introductions
 - Nov. 9 – Effective Tools for School Councils
- \$500 Alberta School Council Grant is being funded by Alberta Education again this year. More details will be shared soon.





Q&A



Meeting Evaluations

Please fill out the [meeting evaluation](#).

- Click on link in meeting chat or:
- Link will be emailed to you, and will be active until end of day Friday, Oct. 28

Next meeting: Jan. 26, 2023



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