

news release

New schools benefit Calgary Board of Education students

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Students in the Calgary Board of Education will have six new schools thanks to the Government of Alberta.

Alberta's Minister of Education, Jeff Johnson, announced the eagerly anticipated schools today. The schools come at a time when the CBE expects to welcome almost 10,000 more students within three years.

"We are thrilled that the province recognizes that education is a priority for Albertans," said Pat Cochrane, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "Given the fiscal challenges facing the province, the decision reflects the importance the government places on our children and their education."

The government announcement paves the way for new schools in six Calgary communities in the coming years. Elementary schools were announced for Copperfield, Evanston and New Brighton. Middle schools will be built in Saddle Ridge and Royal Oak. Northeast Calgary can look forward to a new northeast high school.

The time to plan and build new schools varies, depending on the procurement approach. As a general rule, elementary schools take three years. Based on the CBE's recent experience of building the Ernest Manning High School a new high school takes about four years.

Cochrane continued, "On behalf of our students, we thank the Government of Alberta for making our students, and their success, a priority."

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