

news release

Initial CBE response to provincial budget

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The Calgary Board of Education is studying today's provincial budget announcement to fully understand its implications. Until a careful analysis has been done, it is too early to state what its full impact will be.

The initial view is that the budget will present challenges for the CBE. "We are pleased that the government has provided funding for enrolment growth," says Sheila Taylor, chair of the Board of Trustees. "However, funding for other cost increases has not been provided. Therefore, we believe our per-student funding will continue to decline."

She said the CBE is in a difficult position because it has limited reserve funds to tap, because these funds have been steadily diminished over the past four years. She said that despite the challenges, "we remain committed as a system to focusing on providing excellent learning opportunities for students and maintaining safe and secure schools and facilities. Our academic results are excellent and we are confident they will continue to be so."

Chair Taylor said that further information and analysis will be available next week. In addition, the CBE is committed to keeping the public fully informed and therefore has posted a [budget website page](#). Members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback on the site.

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