



We promise each student

A new school year is filled with promise. Students return to classrooms. Many students are more excited about the end of summer than they're willing to admit. Some students are terribly apprehensive. New teachers, new classmates and, in some cases, a new school can be a lot for a young person to handle.

Parents and guardians may have similar, mixed feelings about the new school year. You may be comforted to know that the Calgary Board of Education meets the promise of a new school year with promises to each and every student.

We promise that your child will be welcomed by an excellent teacher. Our teachers are highly educated and highly skilled. What sets them apart is their dedication to each student. A teacher, who wants to lecture students robotically from the front of the class, is not a CBE teacher. CBE teachers are involved and personally committed to each student.

Knowing what makes our teachers special enables us to promise that we will know your child. We learn what makes each student unique. And we build learning plans that reflect each student's capabilities, gifts and interests.

The CBE is a large school system. We have more than 12,000 employees and 102,000 students. Yet, we promise your child will never feel like a number. Each student has the benefit of one of the largest and most innovative school systems in Western Canada. And each student will be made to feel special.

From learning plans and the classroom experience, each student will be taught how he or she learns best. We promise that you will feel our understanding of your child in report cards. We promise report cards will be as unique as every student. They will include the student and the teacher voice, and the report card will reflect well-rounded learning.

We promise that CBE learning will help build successful, lifelong learners. Academic success is important, of course. We also promise to help students develop their character and citizenship. The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

We promise that we will do everything we can to ensure that our students are safe in schools. And we promise to offer a range of extracurricular activities that are as rich and diverse as the students and communities we serve.

For students who have special or exceptional needs, we promise that they will have the support they need and that as parents and guardians, you will be engaged as a member of the learning team.

We promise that our teachers will be supported by principals who are talented and involved. Our principals are learning leaders who connect the work in schools to the excellence of our system. We have exceptional principals in all of our schools.

We promise that we will communicate with you. Beyond parent-teacher meetings, report cards, school events and newsletters, we will share information and listen to you. As a school board, we value our ongoing connection with communities.

For this reason, we invite you to join in your school community. There are countless ways for you to be involved in your school. And we promise that the more you are involved, the better our schools will be for everyone.

As we embark on another school year and on behalf of every educator in the CBE, thank you for enabling us to be a part of your child's success.

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