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Dear Parents,

From: Gord Choate, Innovative Learning Services
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Re: Student Mail

The Calgary Board of Education has released a new e-mail service, called CBE Student Mail. Your child now has access to this exciting learning tool for curricular purposes related to their learning programs. You can learn more about this email service by connecting online to our Student Mail resources at :
<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/curriculum/library/highschool/schoolmail.htm>

A review of Epals Schoolmail, our former student e-mail, was conducted in our board last spring (2003). The information collected determined directions for student email service within our school district. Our study revealed that a CBE based student email program would serve our students, schools and our jurisdiction best.

Access to Internet based resources are provided to students as part of curriculum experiences as defined by the [Alberta Learning Program of Studies](#). Imagine students going beyond the classroom and school walls to investigate, research, inquire, connect, share and celebrate their learning and understanding. Email is one tool that significantly enhances student learning when used with intentionality. CBE Student Mail, our student electronic mail service, allows each CBE student to participate in creating, sending and receiving electronic data. Each student's e-mail address complies to the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) (FOIP) and in no way identifies personal information about the student. Secondly, with regards to safety, the CBE Student Mail space is free of marketing/advertising as well as the accounts being blocked for SPAM mail.

This is an email-account that will follow students throughout their time as Calgary Board of Education students. Over time, student accounts may be expanded to include virtual lockers, online portfolios, and shared learning environments. Student email is just the beginning. If you have any questions regarding the Student Mail pilot, feel free to contact your child's school.

CBE Student Mail information - <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/curriculum/library/highschool/schoolmail.htm>

Alberta Learning - http://ednet.edc.gov.ab.ca/K_12/default.asp

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/boes/foip/default.asp>