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One-time provincial cash benefits students

The Board of Trustees was pleased when the provincial government acknowledged the pressure on schools this year by restoring provincially \$107 million in funding in October. The CBE received \$19.2 million of that funding.

The Board of Trustees recognized the importance of this money being spent directly on student learning needs in the classroom. The Minister of Education told us that this money had to be “felt” in classrooms by students and teachers. Every school benefitted from this one-time cash injection. For the most part, schools used the money to hire additional teachers and support staff. Across our system, we have gained the equivalent of 224 full-time teachers and support staff who are in our schools and in front of students.

The Board of Trustees thanks Administration for quickly getting this money out to schools and also thanks our principals for their diligent work to make this money benefit learning within their schools immediately.

On behalf of students, the Calgary Board of Education greatly appreciates the additional funding and we’ve put it to good use in our schools. However, we continue to advocate for a long-term, predictable and sustainable funding model that will enable us to better plan for the future of our school system and the students we serve.

Happy holidays

Best wishes to all of our students, staff and their families this holiday season and in 2012. Please enjoy a holiday as unique as you, filled with the joy and laughter of family and friends.

We want to hear from you

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