



# Calgary Board of Education

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## *Calgary Board of Education Skills Champions Committee*

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**A shortage of labour has become a critical concern in Alberta with many employers finding it increasingly difficult to find the workers they need.** – Building and Educating Tomorrow's Workforce, Government of Alberta 2006

In 2009, the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) sent over 40 talented youth to compete in the Alberta Skills competition. The CBE celebrated a strong showing as nine provincial gold medalists were then sent to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, to compete at the National level. Three CBE students won bronze national medals.

On May 12-13, 2010, the Calgary Board of Education hopes to once again send a contingent of students and educators to Edmonton for the Alberta Skills competition. Our goal is to increase student participation to seventy five competitors. Winners will earn a spot on Team Alberta and will have a chance to showcase their skills at the 2010 Canadian Skills competition in Kitchener, Ontario.

The major challenge is the cost of attending the two day provincial competition. Travel, registration fees, accommodation and meals for the competitors and their supervisors are expensive and are not provided through regular school funding. It costs approximately \$400 to send one student to the provincial competition.

For more information about the Alberta Skills competition, please visit their website at [www.skillsalberta.com](http://www.skillsalberta.com). For additional information about our committee, please contact Bill Bobenic, Jack James High School at 403-248-4054.

Help students participate in the Alberta Skills Competition, [DONATE NOW](#).

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