



Area 2 Office

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Dear Collingwood School Community,

We would like to share that Principal Dan Dornan is retiring effective December 31, 2025. We thank Mr. Dornan for his leadership and dedication to Collingwood School, and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

We are beginning the process of hiring a new Principal. During this period of time the Area Office invites you to follow the link below to a survey designed to gather your input. The Calgary Board of Education welcomes feedback from parents, students and staff regarding the programming and leadership attributes you value in our school Principals. Your input will be shared directly with the successful candidate to inform their entry plan into Collingwood School. [Principal Survey Collingwood School](#). This survey will be open until Friday, January 9th, 2026.

We are pleased to welcome retired Principal Rick Petrowitsch, who will be serving as Interim Principal. Mr. Petrowitsch brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to student success, and we are confident he will provide steady leadership during this transition.

Please see below for a message from Sr. Dornan. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Martine Sawatzky

Education Director, Area 2 & Languages

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Dear Collingwood Families,

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as Principal at Escuela Collingwood for the past 9 years. I have seen many students and siblings come through the Spanish Bilingual Program here at Collingwood, and it is very rewarding to see their growth and progress. I am confident they will go on to make great contributions to our world. I wish your children well on their language learning journey. Espero que sigan aprendiendo español. The student, parent and staff community here at Collingwood is very warm and welcoming and I will miss this place. It gives me confidence to know that the school is in good hands with excellent staff and with the support and direction of Sr. Petrowitsch and Sra. McCruden.

Sr. Dornan