



## STRATHCONA-TWEEDSMUIR SCHOOL

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Dear Faculty Advisor:

On behalf of the student planning committee, it is with great enthusiasm that I invite you and your students to the annual CAIS Student Leadership Conference, being held April 14-17, 2010. This year's conference is being held at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School, located just south of Calgary, Alberta. We would like to thank you for your interest in attending and your dedication to the development of your future leaders; the planning committee has been hard at work since last June to ensure the experience will be a great one for all who attend. This year's theme, *Colour Outside the Lines*, looks at alternative approaches and examples of leadership, encouraging our future leaders to find creative leadership opportunities in today's world, including ways to demonstrate leadership by giving back to the greater community. I hope this conference will be exciting and beneficial both to you and to your students.



The closest airport to Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School is the Calgary International Airport, located approximately one hour north of the school. As you make flight plans, please try to arrive in Calgary sometime in the early afternoon, to ensure adequate time to arrive at the school prior to the evening's activities and guest speaker. In addition, the conference will wrap up with a banquet and dance on Saturday evening, with delegates departing on Sunday (April 18) morning. If requested, I can arrange to pick you up from and drop you off at the airport, provided that you inform us of your arrival time as soon as that information becomes available. Once you have your travel plans confirmed, please email me at [WeberA@sts.ab.ca](mailto:WeberA@sts.ab.ca) and I will work you in to our arrival/departure scheduling and will ensure you are aware of that information before you leave home.

Faculty Advisors' accommodations will be at the Wingate by Wyndham, located at 400 Midpark Way SE in Calgary. I have blocked 50 rooms at the conference rate of \$129.00 per night (plus 9% tax), which will be held until **Monday, March 1, 2010**. If you do not book by Monday March 1, you may not be able to secure a room or the special rate. The hotel is located close to all amenities, including many restaurants, pubs, grocery and convenience stores, and is only a 15 minute drive from the STS campus. To book your room, please call the Wingate trunk line at (403) 514-0099. To ensure you receive the group rate, please identify yourself as a member of the **CAIS Student Leadership Conference** when initially making the reservation. Please note that cancellations after March 31, 2010 are subject to one night's room charge plus tax and that reservations made after the cut-off date will be subject to availability and the most available rate. For more information on the hotel, please visit: [http://www.wingatehotels.com/Wingate/control/Booking/property\\_info?propertyId=04154&brandInfo=WG](http://www.wingatehotels.com/Wingate/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=04154&brandInfo=WG)  
If you are interested in staying in Okotoks, a small town approximately 10 minutes from the school, please send me an email and I will happily forward you some information.

Upon completion of the registration process, plenty of other information will be forthcoming, including billeting arrangements for all delegates, conference itinerary, etc. We are making some changes to the permission/risk management forms/behaviour contracts for students this year. For details on this, I will email those attending advisors directly.

I know I speak on behalf of the students planning committee when I say that we are all very excited to host this year and are looking forward to your arrival! If you wish to attend, don't forget to register at [www.cais.ca](http://www.cais.ca) as soon as possible, as registration will close on Friday, February 5, 2010 and I'm sure the limited spots will fill up fast!

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