

## Next Council of School Councils meeting

You can learn about the direction the Board has set for student success at this meeting, and share your thoughts and experiences.

The CBE is committed to providing students with a learning experience that allows them to be successful beyond high school. For students to be successful, they need to have a well-rounded set of skills and competencies. That is why the Board of Trustees has set a clear direction for student success that identifies expectations for student learning in the areas of character, citizenship and personal development in addition to academic success.

The meeting will include a presentation on the topic, followed by table discussion and then sharing back with the full group. There will also be time at the beginning of the meeting to do a brief follow-up on items from the last meeting.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 29

Time: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Place: Education Centre, 1221 - 8 Street S.W.

Parking: free underground parking provided

Topic: Board's focus on Character, Citizenship and Personal Development in addition to Academic Success

RSVP: [rsvpcommunications@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:rsvpcommunications@cbe.ab.ca) or 403-817-7951

## Nov. 27 COSC meeting follow up

The feature presentation at this meeting was about the CBE's High School Success initiative. A video of the same presentation given at the Nov. 25 public board meeting is posted on the [CBE School Councils Meetings page](#). We encourage you to share this video and discuss it with your parents. We'd also like to ask parents to answer this question: How would you like to be kept informed about High School Success?

Responses to this question can be entered online here:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/CBEhighschoolsuccess/>

The follow-up school councils have done with their communities will be discussed at the Jan. 29 COSC meeting.

## Reminder to share your ideas about school websites

The CBE is launching a project to upgrade school websites. We're asking for your input, through a short survey, to help us identify possible changes that will improve our online communication with parents, students and communities. The survey is open until Jan. 15.

[Read more and complete survey](#)

## Nominate teachers and principals for 2015 Excellence in Teaching Awards

The 2015 Excellence in Teaching Awards program is open and accepting nominations for outstanding teachers and principals. Nominations close Feb. 6.

[Read more](#)

## Grade 3 parents invited to participate in focus groups

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is inviting feedback on the new Grade 3 Student Learning Assessments (SLA) for Alberta Education.

Alberta Education is seeking parents of Grade 3 students who participated in the fall 2014 pilot administration of the SLA to participate in focus groups.

[Read more on the ASCA website.](#)

## CBE Night with the Hitmen

All CBE students, staff, and their families are invited to cheer on the Calgary Hitmen Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 at 7 p.m.

[Read more](#)

## Weather advisory

Issue: Jan. 9, 2015

One of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students is through school councils. By connecting students, schools and communities, school councils help nurture and inspire our students to achieve their full potential.

### CBE Quick Links

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### Other Resources

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## Attend Jan. 21 CAPSC Trade Show Fair

Learn about resources for school councils at this 'one stop shop' for your school council needs: the best fundraisers, presenters, experts on effective initiatives, community groups, and more.

[Read more on CAPSC website](#)

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## Free library cards coming soon to all CBE students

The CBE and the Calgary Public Library have teamed up to get free library cards into the hands of all CBE students. Enough cards for every student will be shipped to all CBE schools. All cards are expected to be delivered to each student by February 2015. Cards can be activated online, by mobile devices or at your local community library.

[Read more](#)

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## Curriculum Symposium Sparks Ideas from Across Alberta

More than 350 people from across Alberta who are passionate about education came together to share their ideas on what students should learn in school. Participants, including educators, First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners, parents, students, trustees, employers and community members gathered at TELUS Spark Dec. 1-2 for two days of inspiration and action.

[Read more](#)

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