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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

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**Complete public engagement survey by Dec. 11, 2015**

Thank you to those who participated in discussions in November and December about public engagement at the CBE. Many of you contributed at the Council of School Councils meeting or at the other in-person sessions that were offered. Some school councils are hosting their own conversations as well. All of the ideas shared through these opportunities will be considered in developing a new system-wide approach to public engagement.

Another way to contribute is to complete this [online survey](#). The survey will take 10-15 minutes depending on the length of your answers and is open until Dec. 11, 2015. All information provided in this survey will be kept confidential and shared in an anonymous way.

If you have not completed the survey already, please complete it now. Your opinions are important to us and we value your contributions to this initiative.

Visit [www.cbe.ab.ca/dialogue](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/dialogue) to learn more.

**Next COSC meeting – Jan. 14, 2016**

The next Council of School Councils meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016 from 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. Free parking is available for attendees.

The topic for the January COSC meeting will be “supporting student success”. During the first hour, superintendents from service units will share what their service unit does to support schools and students. Superintendents will also provide an update on key system initiatives such as public engagement, transportation and support for Syrian refugees. There will also be time for Q&As. During the second half of the meeting, the Board of Trustees will facilitate a round table discussion with school council representatives. This time is an opportunity for school council representatives to share ideas and best practices with each other and their trustees.

A meeting invitation will be sent out in the new year, closer to the meeting date.

**To help us plan for the meetings we appreciate an RSVP to meeting invitations**

**ASCA webinars**

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is pleased to present Webinar Wednesdays with scheduled training, instructional sharing, partner connections and focus group sessions for the 2015-2016 school year. The next webinar will be *Tools for Effective School Council* on Jan. 6, 2016.

Webinars take place at 9:30 a.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. ASCA utilizes the online platform Blackboard Collaborate® to present the webinars - accessible through home computers, laptops or mobile devices.

An ASCA membership and pre-registration of a webinar is required. If you do not have an ASCA 2015-2016 membership just fill out [this form](#). ASCA memberships are paid for by the Board of Trustees.



Wishing you much joy and happiness this holiday season and success in the year ahead

We are proud of our student's artwork. Above is from Hennessey K., Grade 2, Chaparral School (2014)

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## Mark your calendar with upcoming COSC meeting dates for 2016

Please mark your calendar with COSC meeting dates for the rest of this school year.

- Wednesday, March 2, 2016
- Thursday, April 28, 2016

Meeting information and invitations will be sent out closer to the meeting dates.

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## 5th Annual CBE Night with the Hitmen

Join us on Friday, Jan. 29 for the 5th annual CBE Night with the Hitmen! \$2 from each ticket sold goes towards providing students a nutritious breakfast through CBE's Fuel for School breakfast program. Last year's game raised nearly \$10,000 towards the 100,000 breakfasts served each year to CBE students who may otherwise start their school day on an empty stomach.

CBE students, parents, faculty and members of the public are welcome to take in this once a year event at the CBE special rate of only \$12. Bring your whole family and help us reach our goal of fueling learning through our ever growing breakfast program, Fuel for School. Tickets are now available at:

<http://www.hitmenhockey2.com/cbe.html>

For more information about Fuel for School and how you can help make a difference, please go to: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/partners/Pages/Fuel-for-School.aspx>

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## Update your school council information

If you have not yet done so, please update the contact information for your 2015-16 school council using our [web form](#).

Even if you haven't had any changes to your executive this year, **please confirm** the contacts by entering them into the contact form.

On our circulation list we want to include at least two contacts for each CBE school council. One should be the chair and the other is typically key communicator or another council member chosen by the chair.

This information will be used to circulate this e-newsletter in addition to sharing information and invitations relevant to your school council.

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## Recent stories featured on the CBE website

The CBE posts news and stories about the activities that happen across our system throughout the year. Here are some of the stories we are featuring now:

- Students at the Career and Technology Centre playing key role in climate change policy decisions home and away
- Information about international travel
- CBE Open Houses highlight schools and programs
- CBE rolls out new yellow school bus passes

Check out the latest stories on our home page under [CBE News](#)

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