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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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Next COSC meeting - Nov. 5, 2015

The next Council of School Councils meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 from 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. at the Education Centre (1221 – 8 Street S.W.). Free parking is available for attendees.

The CBE is committed to involving people in decisions that affect them. To do this more effectively, we are developing [a public engagement framework](#) that respects the diversity of our community and supports the CBE in achieving its mission. Our stakeholders will be actively involved in the process of creating the framework.

The Nov. 5 COSC meeting will provide school councils with an opportunity to share their perspectives on public engagement at the CBE and contribute to this process. There will be time provided for table discussions and sharing back as a full group on this topic.

Mark your calendar with upcoming COSC meeting dates

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

- Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016
- Wednesday, March 2, 2016
- Thursday, April 28, 2016

Meeting invitations will be sent to school councils closer to the date and will include meeting topics.

Sept. 23 COSC meeting materials posted

The first COSC meeting of the year was held on Sept. 23 and was attended by approximately 60 school council representatives. Feedback from the meeting was very positive.

The materials from the Sept. 23 Council of School Councils meeting have been posted on the CBE school council web pages. Please feel free to share these with members of your School Council.

[CBE School Councils Meeting Follow Up page](#)

CBE celebrates another year of strong results

Calgary Board of Education students demonstrated another year of strong academic performance on the 2014-15 provincial achievement tests (PATs) and diploma exams.

[Read more](#)

CBE 2015 Enrolment numbers

The CBE has welcomed a record number of students for the 2015-16 school year.

The official September 30 count showed that total student enrolment was 116,987 – up 2,487 from the same date last year. The most significant increases occurred at Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-6.

Enrolment details can be found on our [news centre](#) page

Update your school council information

If you haven't done so yet, please update your 2015-16 school council contacts with us. Even if you haven't had any changes to your executive this year, please confirm the contacts for this school year 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 the Key Communicator or another council member chosen by the Chair.

Please go to the School Council contacts page and fill in the appropriate information.

- Name
- Title on council
- School
- Email address

This information will be used to circulate this e-newsletter in addition to sharing information and invitations relevant to your school council and parent community. [Update contact information](#)

Student Learning Assessments Information for Parents of Grade 3 students

Alberta Education is presenting information sessions for parents of Grade 3 students who will be participating in the 2015-16 **Student Learning Assessment (SLA)** pilot.

The pilot is scheduled to run September through November and is comprised of two components - a digital portion and a performance task portion.

Alberta Education staff will provide information and answer questions about the pilot assessment in two separate sessions.

The first session was an introduction and explanation about the overall assessment and a recording of that session is available.

The second session will be hosted by Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) in an online platform and will focus on how to interpret, understand and acquire the results of your students' achievement on the Student Learning Assessment pilot and will be offered on Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Questions about registration may be directed to parents@albertaschoolcouncils.ca. Questions about the Student Learning Assessment may be directed to the SLA help desk at 780-427-5318 or cshelpdesk@gov.ab.ca.

Information about Alberta Education Student Learning Assessments is available at <https://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/slas/> including Fact Sheets for Parents, and the Fall 2015 Update.

Alberta School Councils' Association 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.

Meeting Management and **School Council Purpose** were the two workshops facilitated by ASCA at the Sept. 23 COSC meeting. If you were unable to attend that COSC meeting you can receive the information by attending a webinar.

Some of the webinars available are:

- Masterful Minutes – Wednesday, Oct. 28
- School Council Purpose – Nov. 4
- Chair Basics – Wednesday, Nov. 18
- Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose – Nov. 25
- Meeting Management – Dec. 2

ASCA utilizes the online platform Blackboard Collaborate® to present the webinars - accessible through home computers, laptops or mobile devices.

For registration details and webinar times please go to:

<http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?webinarWed>

Check their website often for updates as the schedule is subject to change.

An ASCA membership and pre-registration of a webinar is required. If you do not have a ASCA 2015-2016 membership just fill out [this form](#). A link to this form is also available on our [School Councils web page](#). Membership is paid for by the Board of Trustees.

Literacy and Learning Day Conference

Initiated by a group of parents wanting to make a difference in the lives of children, the free Literacy & Learning Day Conference offers adults an opportunity to obtain skills, resources and knowledge that will help to support children in school and in life. Literacy & Learning Day is a volunteer organized event that is professional, meaningful and easily accessible to all parents, grandparents and caregivers.

The 13th annual **Literacy & Learning Day Conference** will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015** at the **Shaw Conference Centre** in Edmonton. In addition to many free workshop choices of varied topics which will assist adults in supporting the children in their lives, we are excited and honoured to be featuring **Ann Douglas**, author of *"The Mother of All Parenting Books"*, as our Keynote Speaker!

For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.literacyday.ca/literacy-and-learning-day-2015/>

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:

- CBE presents 2016-17 Modular Classroom Plan
- Prince of Wales School teacher honoured with national award
- Students are at the centre of everything we do. Our budget reflects that.
- Thanks to all our amazing teachers – World Teacher's Day
- A Day in the Life – a video showing a "day in the life" of the CBE

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

CPA Career Connections

Sponsored by the Chartered Professional Accountants Alberta, High School students and parents are invited to explore business and accounting career options and post-secondary programs over refreshments.

Hear from a panel of local Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) who will speak about their career paths and answer questions. Meet with representatives from Alberta post-secondary institutions (PSI) and learn about their business and accounting programs over refreshments.

This event will be held at Crescent Heights High School Student Centre, 1019 – 1 Street N.W. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015 from 6 – 9 p.m.

- 6 – 6:45 Registration and PSI booths open
- 6:45 – 7 CPA Alberta presentations
- 7 – 8 Panel discussions
- 8 – 9 PSI booths reopen

There is no cost but RSVP is required and seating is limited.
To RSVP go to : [CPA Career Connections](#)

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