



Key Communiqué

News for School Councils

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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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COSC Nov. 16 meeting materials posted online

The Nov. 16 Council Of School Councils meeting was attended by approximately 90 school council representatives. The focus for the evening was Mental Health. The discussion at the meeting and feedback afterward was very positive.

The notes and materials from the Nov. 16 COSC meeting have been posted on the CBE school council web page. Please feel free to share these with the members of your school council and school community.

[CBE School Councils Meetings follow up page](#)

The next COSC meeting will take place on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 with the subject focus of Math. We look forward to seeing you then.

Impacted Schools Survey – Key Communiqué

Your voice matters. As changes for the future use of learning space in some CBE schools are considered, we know that many families will be affected by the decisions being made. If you are affected or have feedback you would like to share on the scenarios currently being considered, we encourage you to complete the online surveys now available.

A tablet or computer is most appropriate for completing this survey.

- Survey for [Areas I and II](#)
- Survey for [Area V](#)

Please help us spread the word. Share the survey with parents, students, staff and community members!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and perspectives.

Please complete the survey by Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.

ASCA webinars

ASCA is pleased to present Webinar Wednesdays with scheduled training, instructional sharing, partner connections and focus group sessions for the 2016-17 school year. These one-hour sessions are offered at 9:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on the dates noted below.

The next scheduled webinars are:

- Nov. 23 – Tools for Effective School Councils
- Nov. 30 – Competencies: Who, What, When, Where & Why

There are no webinars during the month of December.

Please go to the [ASCA website](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca) (www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca) for more information.

An ASCA membership and pre-registration for a webinar is required.

ASCA membership

If your school council does not have an Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2016-17 membership please fill out [this form](#). ASCA memberships are paid for by the Board of Trustees and need to be renewed each school year.

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. 26, 2017 – Subject focus will be Math
- Wednesday, March 16, 2017 – Discussion topic will be: High School Success
- Thursday, April 26, 2017 – Discussion topic will be: Year in review and planning for future COSC meetings

To help us plan for the meetings we appreciate an RSVP to meeting invitations when they are sent.

All meeting dates are posted on the School Council [meetings page](#).

Update your school council information

Please update your 2016-17 school council contacts with us. Even if you haven't had any changes to your executive members this year, please confirm the contacts for this school year by either entering them into the contact form **or** sending the requested information to schoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca.

Great Kids Award 2017

Nominations for the 2017 Great Kids Award are now open! Sixteen children and youth from around Alberta will be recognized at the 17th Annual Great Kids Awards taking place on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

The Great Kids Award was first launched in 1999 to recognize children and youth who positively impacted their communities. Since its creation, 258 children and youth have been recognized. Alberta's great kids deserve recognition because they are examples to all Albertans of what can be accomplished when also experiencing life's challenges.

This year, the Great Kids Award highlights kids who have made positive contributions despite hardships. These include managing a physical or mental illness, standing up against bullying or overcoming other difficult life circumstances. These young people are recognized for going above and beyond for others and their communities.

Deadline for nominations is December 16, 2016.

More information can be found on the [Alberta Human services webpage](#)

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:

- Forest Lawn High School student is a Rodeo Star
- Monterey Park School student awarded Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers
- Remembrance Day at CBE
- Food and Farming at Fowler
- Mind over Metal camp attracts CBE students
- Flying High at Hawkwood School
- CBE presents 2017-18 Modular Classroom Plan
- CBE teacher uses sign language with help with literacy
- CBE Teacher named Top 40 under 40 (Avenue)
- CBE Students Shines at WE Day
- Three Government of Canada National History Awards presented to Western Canada High School

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