



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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The next COSC meeting is Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017

Please mark your calendar with the next Council of School Council (COSC) meeting which will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017. The meeting will take place in multipurpose room of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W.

Please note that the **start time for this meeting has been changed to 6:30 p.m. (not 7)** and the meeting will go to 9 p.m. Free parking is available for attendees in the building parkade accessible from 12 Avenue.

The subject focus this meeting will be *Math*. 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

Impacted Schools Survey and Open Houses

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and perspectives on the Impacted Schools Survey, which closed Dec. 5. Survey results will be published in the new year.

In January, we are holding two open houses to present the proposed changes for the future use of learning space at some Area I, II and V schools. Join us to review the proposals developed from feedback gathered in 2016.

	Area I and II	Area V
date	Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017	Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017
time	5 – 8 p.m.	5 – 8 p.m.
location	Senator Patrick Burns School 2155 Chilcotin Road N.W.	Nickle School 2500 Lake Bonavista Dr. S.E.

[Register for a session online and learn more about this initiative.](#)

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:

- Jan. 11 – Careers: Helping Youth Choose
- Jan. 18 – Competencies: Supporting Your Child's Development
- Jan. 25 – Focus on Inclusion
- Feb. 1 – Welcoming Refugees and Newcomers
- Feb. 8 – Engaging FNMI Families
- Feb. 15 – Supporting Families Coping with FASD
- Feb. 22 – Benefits of Inquiry/Project Based Learning

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.

ASCA Awards of Recognition

Alberta School Councils' is proud to present the three awards of recognition in support of the school council efforts in Alberta. There are:

- School Council Award of Merit
- Excellence in Learning Partnerships Award
- School Council Parent of Distinction Award

Nomination forms, including the criteria and guidelines for each award can be found on the [ASCA website](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca).

Nominations must be received in the ASCA office by Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017.

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.

Mark your calendar with upcoming COSC meeting dates

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

- 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](#).

Get your tickets for the 6th Annual CBE Night with the Hitmen

Join us on Jan. 20, 2017 for the 6th annual CBE Night with the Hitmen! Two dollars from each ticket sold goes towards providing students a nutritious breakfast through CBE's Fuel for School breakfast program. Last year's game raised thousands of dollars 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 [here](#) make sure to enter the CBE promo code: CBEFUEL

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>



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

We are proud of our students and their achievements. Thank you to the students and staff of Chaparral School for their artwork.

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:

- Hockey and Cancer help Teach Perseverance at King George School
- Western Canada High School decorates trees for families in need
- Honouring Calgary's 2016 Junior Fire Chief – Oliver Hamilton from Panorama Hills School
- Innovation Smash-Up at Abbeydale School
- Penbrooke Meadows School students benefit from monthly community lunch program
- Olympic Heights students give warm winter welcome to young refugees
- Sunalta School wins Beakerhead Ingenuity Challenge for the second year in a row.
- 2015-16 financial results approved by Board of Trustees
- Louis Riel students showcase the Best Part of Me

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