



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 March 16 Meeting Materials Posted Online

The March 16 Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting was attended by approximately 40 school council representatives. Discussion topics included High School Success and the CBE Budget.

The meeting materials are posted on our [School Council webpage](#). Please feel free to share this information with the members of your school council and your school community.

Last COSC Meeting for 2016-17

Please mark your calendar with the final COSC meeting for this school year. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26 and take place in multipurpose room of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. from 7 – 9 p.m.

- Discussion topic: year in review and planning for future COSC meetings

Free parking is available for attendees in the building parkade accessible from 12 Avenue.

A meeting invitation will be sent out closer to the meeting date. To help us plan for the meetings, we would appreciate an RSVP to meeting invitations.

We Want to Hear from You!

The CBE is reviewing the guidelines we use when creating our yearly school calendars.

Please watch your email or cbe.ab.ca beginning on April 12 to participate in our calendar guidelines survey.

If you have trouble seeing this publication please [click here](#).

Area office reconfiguration

The CBE is reconfiguring the number of administrative Area offices from five to seven effective April 3. This change is being made to address the need for more responsive supports to school instructional leaders and learning teams, which in turn support student success. In this new service model Areas will no longer be defined by geographical boundaries. Instead, the CBE has adopted a “feeder school” model to ensure continuity of support for students and families from kindergarten to Grade 12.

Area offices provide leadership support to principals and teachers to improve instruction and student achievement. They also provide timely support to their schools, families and communities, help deliver system services to schools, support principals in school operations and ensure effective collaboration amongst schools.

Updated information will be available on the CBE website by April 3.

ASCA Webinars

ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) 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:

- March 22 – Meeting Management
- April 5 – Masterful Minutes
- April 12 – Careers: Supporting Youth Exploring

Webinars for May and June have not yet been determined.

Please go to the [ASCA website](#) for more information.

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

ASCA Membership

If your school council does not have an 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. Memberships run from July 1 – June 30.

Students Invited to Apply to be Part of the Minister's Youth Council

The Minister of Education is looking for approximately 32 junior and senior high school students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta to join his Minister's Youth Council.

This council will give students the opportunity to build their leadership skills at the provincial level, make an impact on education, and leave a legacy that will last well into the future.

Students can apply directly to Alberta Education before May 5. For more information, please visit education.alberta.ca/myc.

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 Students Get Ready to Show Off Their Skills
- Shave Your Lid for a Kid – SWS Style
- Calgary Roughnecks CBE Night
- BOT Response to 2017-18 Provincial Budget Announcement
- CBE Requests New Schools and Modernizations in Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2022
- William Roper Hull School | Canada 150
- Woodlands School | Canada 150
- Bowcroft School | Canada 150
- Lester B. Pearson High School | Canada 150
- Books for Kids Reading Celebration at Cappy Smart School
- Superclub | Mayor's Christmas Food Drive
- Louis Riel School Students Raise Money for “You Can Play”
- Georges P. Vanier Students Shoot Hoops with Calgary Stampeders
- Western Canada High School Student Receives LORAN Award

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