



# Council of School Councils

March 25, 2021



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# Acknowledging the land where we gather



We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



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# Board of Trustees







# Tonight's Agenda

7:00 p.m.

Welcome, introductions

7:05 p.m.

System updates

- COVID-19
- Online Learning 2021-22
- Three-Year School Capital Plan
- ASCA Spring General Meeting

7:25 p.m.

2021-22 Budget

- Provincial budget to school budget
- School council input on budget & fees

7:40 p.m.

Q&A

8:05 p.m.

Breakout room discussion

- How has your principal engaged with school council on budget?

8:25 p.m.

Meeting evaluations

**Next meeting – Wednesday, May 12**





# COVID-19 Update

## Positive Case Numbers

Month	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar 1-19	Total
Students	48	107	338	198	146	122	186	1145
Staff	2	12	44	59	22	22	23	184

## Students and Staff Quarantining

Month	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar 1-19	Total
Students	2105	5086	15000	4854	4967	5273	8505	45790
Staff	186	455	1303	672	492	408	699	4215

**\*as of March 19, eight schools have reported confirmed variants of concern**





# Online Learning for 2021-22

- Hub online learning was a temporary option for 2020-21
- Cbe-learn will be the online option for 2021-22
- Cbe-learn has operated for 20 years

## Next Steps

- Online survey closed today at 4 p.m. for families to state their intentions for next year
- If you would like your child to learn online, you must complete a transfer request in April
- Cbe-learn is a full-year commitment
- Full time for Grades 1-9
- Full time is prioritized for Grades 10-12, but may be part-time if spaces and resources allow





# Three-Year School Capital Plan

Community/ School	Project Status	Request Type	2020 Cost \$	Years Previously Listed
Evanston Middle Grade 5-9	New request	Full buildout to 900	31,736 M	7
John G. Diefenbaker High School	Modernization	Major modernization	28,146 M	11
Nickle School Grade 5-9	Modernization	Major modernization	14,595 M	12

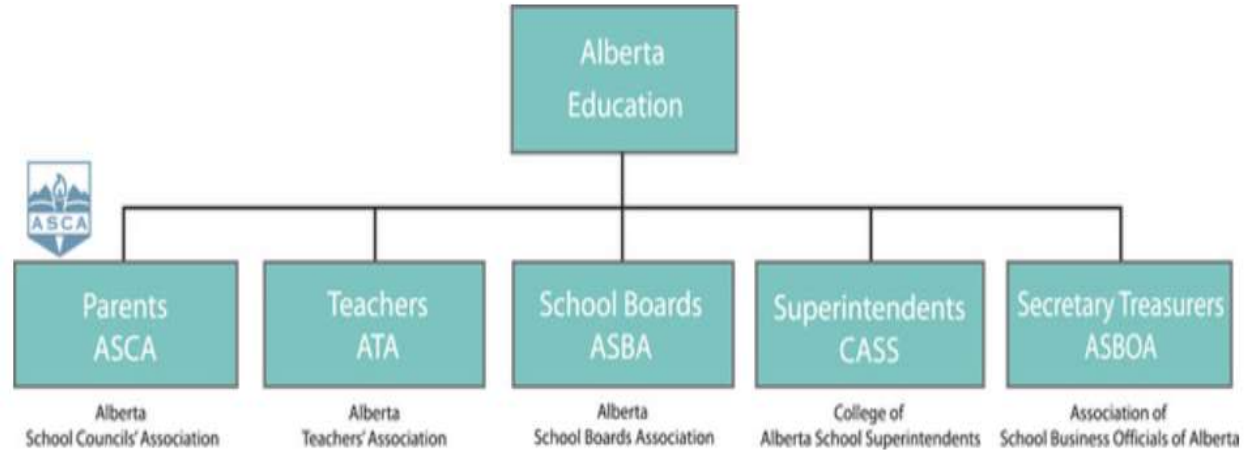


- Eligibility and Ranking Criteria
  - Available on our website





# Alberta School Councils' Association







# Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

## Become an ASCA Member

- CBE will pay for your school council's annual membership

## ASCA Virtual School Councils Conference: “Leading with Purpose”: Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24. Deadline to register is Friday, April 16.

- How do school councils work to promote positive engagement in the school community to benefit student success?
- Keynote speakers: Minister of Education, Kelly Johnson (Franklin Covey – Education Division) and Debbie Pushor PhD (University of Saskatchewan Department of Curriculum Studies)
- Cost is \$95





# Alberta School Councils' Association



## **ASCA Virtual Annual General Meeting, Sunday, April 25**

- Deadline to register to vote or arrange proxy vote is Friday, April 16.
- Use your school council voice and vote on resolutions (successful resolutions become the advocacy positions of ASCA)
- Become a Director: 5 Director positions are up for election. **Deadline for Director Nominations is Saturday, April 10.**
- **\$0 cost for 1 parent voting delegate**

All information can be found at <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca>



## 2021-22 Budget

- Feb. 25: provincial budget released
  - Overall operational budget maintained
  - Capital maintenance funding front-loaded
- By Mar. 31: school board funding released
  - Funding will be maintained or increased
- Apr. 6: budget assumptions report
  - Schools will receive their individual budgets soon after
- By May 31: budget comes to two public board meetings for questions and debate
  - Budget is then submitted to Alberta Education
  - Any request to use reserves must be approved by the education minister







# From Province to Schools – How Alberta Education Grants are Allocated

<https://youtu.be/LxwFaNFztjg>

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## From Province to Schools How Alberta Education Grants are Allocated

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This video contains video images obtained prior to COVID-19.

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Programs



Transportation



Employees



Schools





# School Budget & Fees Engagement for April



- Schools will be sharing information about school budget and fees at school council meetings and on school websites in April.
- Schools will also circulate surveys to parents to gather input and feedback. Surveys will include school-level questions and broader system-level questions.
- School councils can help by encouraging participation from parents in sharing their perspectives. Connect with your principal to discuss further.

*dialogue)))*



## Q&A with Trustees and Superintendents



# Breakout Room Discussion

## How has your principal engaged with school council on budget?

When students, staff and parents/guardians work together, students experience greater success in achieving their learning goals.

### Discussion starters

- What has your principal done?
- What has worked or not worked?
- Ideas for improvement?





# Meeting Evaluation

- You will receive an email by the end of this week with a link to these meeting materials and the survey link below.
- Please take a moment to fill out the survey to help us plan future meetings. – thank you!
- [March 25 survey link](#)



Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 12, 2021**



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