



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 Dec. 6, 2018

The Council of School Councils (COSC) is comprised of school council chairs and/or designates (usually Key Communicators) from all CBE schools.

Please mark your calendar with the next Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting which will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 2018. The meeting will take place in the multipurpose room of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW from 7 – 9 p.m. Free parking is available for attendees in the building parkade accessible from 12 Avenue.

This meeting will feature system updates from our Board of Trustees, including information on trustee advocacy efforts, our Annual Education Results Report and Three-Year Education Plan and our new chief superintendent. In addition, the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) will provide a presentation and host a discussion about school council roles, and specifically how school councils can work effectively with school principals.

An [invitation](#) for this meeting will be sent out next week. To help us plan for the meetings, we appreciate an [RSVP](#) to meeting invitations.

Board of Trustees Announces New Chief Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Christopher Usih as the new Chief Superintendent of Schools for the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) effective Dec. 17, 2018. Currently, Mr. Usih is an Associate Director of Education at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). He holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Manitoba and additional qualifications in mathematics and computer science. He has more than 28 years of experience as an educator.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Chief Superintendent David Stevenson for his leadership and his unwavering commitment to public education during his more than 40 years of service with the Calgary Board of Education. The Board has been working closely with Administration to ensure a smooth transition. Chief Superintendent Stevenson's last day will be Dec. 16. Read more on our [website](#).

Curriculum Development

K-4 Curriculum Implementation Webinar(s)

Alberta Education will share information on the implementation plan for the new K-4 curriculum.

Join representatives from ASCA and Alberta Education for a webinar to learn about, and provide feedback for, the draft implementation plan for the new K-4 Curriculum in Alberta.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 – presenting at two times (afternoon and evening) for 90 minutes at 1 – 2:30 pm and 6:30 – 8 pm

The implementation plan is intended to provide an outline of the supports and resources school authorities and teachers need as they prepare to implement future curriculum in our K-4 classrooms across the province.

Alberta Education is sharing a preliminary draft of the plan, developed in collaboration with leaders from across the education system, in order to get parent input.

REGISTRATION - (only select one time slot)

Please use this link to register for the 1 p.m. slot
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5415417147247/WN_D4nrEO3GRdGAJi77siCcpQ

Please use this link to register for the 6:30 p.m. slot
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8515417154355/WN_E2rVabyDTx-ZBPqXVihLFA

The webinar(s) will also be available (live stream) on ASCA [Facebook](#) Live.

The latest draft curriculum is posted at new.learnalberta.ca.

CBE Open Houses Highlight Schools and Programs

The CBE has a rich variety of programs to personalize learning for students. A great way to learn more about these programs is to visit the many open houses that take place throughout the year. To see our full calendar of open houses please visit our [website](#).

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

Do You Have a Student Who Will be in a CBE High School in 2019-20?

Check out the CBE's [2019-20 Get Ready, Get Set, Go For It](#) online guide for information on high school, completion requirements, course planning and programs. The guide is also available in print at your child's school. Please visit the [CBE High School webpage](#) for more information on available options.

You can also discover dual-credit, exploratory and off-campus learning opportunities in arts, business, software development, recreational leadership, trades and more. Application deadlines are coming up soon for some of the courses starting in semester two. Visit our [Unique Opportunities and Off-Campus Education webpage](#) today for details.

Update Your School Council Information

If you have not already done so, please send your updated 2018-19 School Council contact information to schoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca.

Please include the following information for your Chair, Co-Chair/Vice Chair and Key Communicator.

- First and last name
- School council title/role
- Name of school
- Email address
- Phone number (only to be used if we need to change meeting dates or locations on short notice)

Even if your school council executive is not changing for the 2018-19 school year, we would appreciate a confirmation of the contact information. Thank you.

Dates for 2018-19 COSC meetings

Please mark your calendar with the following dates for COSC meetings for the rest of the 2018-19 school year.

- Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019
- Thursday, Apr. 11, 2019

All COSC meetings will be at the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW.

Invitations will be sent out prior to each meeting and will include the topics for that evening.

Updated details and information will be posted on the [CBE website](#) as they are made available.

ASCA Membership

School councils in Alberta benefit from the advocacy and supports that ASCA provides. The value of an ASCA membership can be found on the ASCA [website](#).

If your school council does not have an Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2018-19 membership, please fill out [this form](#). ASCA memberships are paid for by the Board of Trustees and need to be renewed, by the school council, each school year (July 1 – June 30).

CBE School Council Handbook

The CBE School Council Handbook was updated in the spring and is available online [here](#). Other helpful resources for school councils are also available on our [school council page](#)