



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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Reminder: The Next COSC Meeting is Feb. 6

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

The next Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019. The meeting will take place in the multipurpose room of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. from 7 – 9 p.m. Free parking is available for attendees in the building parkade accessible from 12 Avenue.

This meeting will feature an introduction and Q&A with new Chief Superintendent Chris Usih and a system update on proposed transportation service and fees for 2019-20. A guest speaker from Propellus will also provide a presentation and host a discussion about ways to increase volunteering in schools.

Please RSVP to rsvpschoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca if you are able to join us.

AB Ed. Parent Survey Deadlines Approaching

Each year in January, Alberta Education sends an important survey to all parents and guardians of students in Grades 4, 7 and 10. In schools with fewer than 120 students, surveys are sent to parents/guardians of all students. The survey is called the Accountability Pillar Survey. **The survey must be mailed by Friday, Feb. 22 or completed online by Friday, Mar. 8, 2019.**

Your voice matters. It is very important that parents/guardians complete the survey and return it to Alberta Education. Alberta Education uses the results to assess satisfaction with the quality of education in our schools, and we at the CBE use the information to improve teaching and learning for all our children.

Alberta Education and the CBE thank you for filling out and returning the Parent/Guardian Accountability Pillar Survey. If you have any questions, please contact the principal of your child's school.

Date for Final COSC Meeting

The last COSC meeting for the 2018-19 school year will be held on Thursday, Apr. 11, 2019

All COSC meetings are held at the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W.

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.

System Calendar Dates

A reminder about the following **system** dates:

Friday, Feb. 1	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – all schools closed
Thursday & Friday Feb. 14 & 15	Staff Association and Teachers Convention – all schools closed
Monday, Feb. 18	Family Day Holiday – all schools closed
Friday, Mar. 1	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – all schools closed
Friday, Mar. 22	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – all schools closed
Mar. 25 – 29	Spring Break – all schools closed
Monday, Apr. 1	Classes resume for schools on a Traditional calendar
Monday, Apr. 8	Classes resume for schools on a Modified calendar
Friday, Apr. 19	Good Friday – all schools closed
Monday, Apr. 22	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – all schools closed
Friday, May 17	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – all schools closed
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day Holiday – all schools closed
Thursday, June 27	Last day of school for students

Please be sure to check your school's website and calendar for other dates that are school specific.

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Skilled Trades Fair

Find out about careers in skilled trades and connect with people in the industry and employers. Learn about RAP and explore the CBE's industry-based off-campus courses that are available to high school students.

All students and parents are welcome to attend. You do not need to register.

Dates and Locations:

Feb. 20	Lord Beaverbrook High School 9019 Fairmount Drive S.E.
Mar. 13	Father Lacombe High School 3615 Radcliffe Drive S.E.
Apr. 3	James Fowler High School 4004 – 4 Street N.W.

Time: from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

For information phone 403-875-0281 or email dolesen@nextgen.org.

You can also visit www.careersnextgen.ca or <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/events-sessions-open-houses/Documents/RAP-Skilled-Trades-Fair-Poster-2019.pdf>

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 currently being featured:

- Enerplus Grant brings New Learning Technologies to Children's Village School
- Highwood School Welcomes the Year of the Pig
- School Patroller Recognized for Protecting a Student in the Crosswalk
- Meritorious Budget Award Acknowledges CBE's Excellence in Budget Preparation
- Western Canada High School Gives Holiday Cheer
- Centennial High School Community Gathers in Reconciliation
- Dr. Gordon Townsend School Honoured

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