



## 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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**Feel free to contact us with any suggestions or comments.**

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### Final COSC Meeting for This School Year

The **final** COSC meeting for the 2018-19 school year will be held on **Thursday, Apr. 11, 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 system updates including:

- Overview of the 2019-20 school support model,
- The Three-Year School Capital Plan,
- Budget 2019-20,
- High School Engagement, and
- Trustee advocacy update.

There will also be a presentation by EducationMatters, Calgary's public education trustee, about awards, grants and scholarships available to schools and students.

In addition, attendees will be given the opportunity to discuss school council successes and challenges in 2018-19.

If you are able to join us for this meeting, please RSVP by email to [rsvpschoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:rsvpschoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca) or phone 403-817-7986.

### Top 3 for CBE - Board of Trustees Advocacy

Part of the role of the Board of Trustees is to advocate for the CBE and the more than 123,000 students it serves. During this election, trustees want all Albertans to think about the value of public education, and why it should be a priority. We need our government to 1. Fund Every Student, 2 Support Students with Special Needs, and 3. Build and Modernize Schools.

We invite you to read more about our advocacy efforts on the CBE [website](#).

## System Calendar Dates

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

Friday, Apr. 19	Good Friday – all schools closed
Monday, Apr. 22	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – no classes for students.
Friday, May 17	System-Wide Non-Instructional Day – no classes for students.
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day Holiday – all schools closed
Thursday, June 27	Last day of classes for students
Thursday, Aug. 15	First day of classes for schools on the modified calendar.
Tuesday, Sept. 3	First day of classes for schools on the traditional calendar.

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

## ASCA Conference and AGM

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held April 26 – 28, 2019 at the Delta by Marriott Edmonton South.

Registration for the AGM (Sunday, April 28) is free of charge for ASCA members but registration is required to attend.

The Conference events (Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27) are separate and there are costs associated with them. Registration is required for all events that participants would like to attend.

**Registration deadline is Monday, April 22 at 12 p.m.**

"The Power of Relationships" will be addressed by featured Keynote speaker, Dr. Jody Carrington.

A link to the [ASCA AGM meeting documents](#)

Parents on school councils shape the future of Alberta's public education system with input through advocacy resolutions proposed at the ASCA provincial AGM.

Resolutions passed into policy at the AGM form the association perspective as presented to Alberta government and organizations in provincial education.

Please see the document for more details:

**REVISED - [Proposed Advocacy Resolution P19-18 Comprehensive Education Funding Framework Review](#)**

More AGM details are available on the [ASCA website](#).

## Stories Featured on the CBE Website

The CBE posts news and stories about the activities that happen across our system throughout the year.

Check out the latest stories on our home page under [CBE News](#).

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