



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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April Meeting Materials Posted

The April 11 Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting was the last meeting for the 2018-19 school year. It was attended by approximately 45 school council representatives. The meeting included an update on the CBE's budget, high school engagement, the Three-Year School Capital Plan and a presentation by EducationMatters. Council members were also given time to discuss challenges and opportunities of the 2018-19 school year.

The meeting materials and discussion notes 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.

Year-end reports requested by June 30

Under the *School Act*, school councils are responsible for submitting an annual report to the Board of Trustees. This report helps the Board of Trustees measure and be accountable for parent and community involvement. The school council chair is responsible for submitting the report to the Board of Trustees by the end of June.

The [report template](#) can be found on the school council [website](#). Please send the completed report to the Board of Trustees via email at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca or mail through inter-school to: Office of the Board of Trustees, Education Centre.

COSC Dates for the 2019-20 School Year

Please mark your calendar with the following dates for COSC meetings for the 2019-20 school year.

- Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019
- Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019
- Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020
- Thursday, Apr. 16, 2020 (tentative)

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

EducationMatters' 2019 Grant Application

EducationMatters' 2019 Grant Application is now available and the deadline to submit applications is **Sept. 30, 2019**.

Please note that applications will be assessed by a community volunteer committee and/or donors and distributions are dependent on available funding; submitting an application does not guarantee success in receiving a grant. For additional information and to submit an application please visit <https://www.educationmatters.ca/program-grants/>.

Also note that EducationMatters has an **additional grant opportunity**; the "Kaiti Perras Love of Dance" grant specifically designated for **dance** programs. The deadline for applications for this grant is **May 31, 2019** and more information is available at <https://www.educationmatters.ca/schools/unique-opportunities/>.

If have any questions about EducationMatters' granting process please call Kathryn Schilman at 403-817-7469 or email kschilman@educationmatters.ca.

System Calendar Dates

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

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.

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

Transportation Pre-Registration

Information about pre-registration for CBE transportation services for the 2019-20 school year will be posted on **May 1**. Please watch the [CBE website](#) for details on fees, services, etc. This information will also be shared via emails to parents, stories on school websites and the [CBE Twitter](#) account.

Update Your School Council Information

When you have established your school council for **2019-20** please send the updated 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 2019-20 school year, we would appreciate a confirmation of the contact information. Thank you.

CBE Traditional Pow Wow

The Calgary Board of Education invites you to join us for a Traditional Pow Wow on May 16, 2019, showcasing and honouring Aboriginal culture within the CBE and the greater Calgary community.

The event is open to the public and free to attend.
Place: Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd NE
Time: 6 pm - Grand Entry
Please arrive prior to the Grand Entry

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](#). Some stories that are recent additions include:

- Dance Festival Provides Performance Opportunities for Students
- Cappy Smart's "Spring into Ready" Books for Kids Reading Rally
- To Bee or Not to Bee. First Bee School in Alberta.