



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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Thank You!

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the parents/guardians and families for their exceptional contributions during the 2019-20 school year. It was certainly one none of us could have ever predicted and are unlikely to forget.

Since mid-March, learning has looked very different. We know that parents/guardians have had to support their children with learning online and that it did not come without its challenges. Thank you for assisting your students and working alongside our teachers.

Parents/guardians also continued to serve on school councils, advocate for important issues, volunteer as room parents and classroom volunteers and do so many things to help students be successful. We are grateful for all of this support and everything that you do.

We look forward to continue working with you to help our students realize their full potential. We hope you can have a wonderful and healthy summer, and look forward to seeing you in September.

School Re-Entry for September

In early August the Minister of Education will announce which re-entry scenario schools will follow for September. We are hopeful that we will be returning to Scenario 1, or near-normal conditions, but we must be prepared for all three scenarios:

1. In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures)
2. In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures)
3. At-home learning continues (in-school classes are suspended/cancelled)

Direction from Alberta Education and Alberta Health will guide the CBE with how students, staff, and parents will enter our schools and the measures that will need to be followed. Information was sent to families on June 26 as part of the [Chief Superintendent's Year End Message to Families](#).

Please continue to refer to the [CBE and school websites](#) as they will be updated frequently. Before classes begin, we will have more details about how things will look in specific schools to share with families.

Thank You for an Outstanding Response on Re-Entry Surveys!

The CBE provided students, staff and parents with the opportunity to share their perspectives on possible scenarios for when classes start again in fall 2020. The surveys were open May 29 to June 11, 2020. Overall, the three surveys garnered more than 73,000 responses

An initial look at the data confirms that many students, staff and families are looking forward to returning to an in-person school experience, but they have questions and concerns about safety.

The full results of the parent and student surveys are available on our [website](#).

Report Cards are Available Online

Given COVID-19 restrictions, June report cards were available online starting June 26 through [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#). Once logged in, select the “Report Card” tab to view the report card. If a printed report card is required, please contact the school to arrange a time to safely collect it during school hours.

Due to increased traffic, we have been experiencing issues with the online report card feature of PowerSchool. We have [instructions](#) on how to view your report card marks/indicators.

For more information about assessment and reporting:

- [Grades 10-12 | Assessment and Reporting Guidelines for Ongoing Learning](#)
- [K-9 | Assessment and Reporting Guidelines for Ongoing Learning](#)

Instructions:

- [MyCBE: Accessing the Online Report Card](#)

Information about Registering for the 2020-21 School Year

Learn more about which school to register your child at by using our [find a school](#) tool, or check our [kindergarten calculator](#) for more information about when your child can begin school.

All CBE Schools Will Follow the Traditional Calendar for the 2020-21 School Year

A reminder that the decision has been made to move all modified calendar schools and programs to the traditional calendar next year. This means our first scheduled day of classes for **all schools** will be **Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020**.

CBE CARES

Collaboration for Anti-Racism and Equity Support Advisory Council

We acknowledge racism exists in society and in the CBE. As a school system we know it impacts our students and families. Issues that must be addressed by our society must also be addressed in our schools. We continue to hear from students, staff and members of the public who demand that we do more to address racism and discrimination in our schools and workplaces. We take this call to action seriously. We are listening, we are learning, and we will work to do better.

The CBE has taken significant steps to promote equitable and inclusive learning and working environments, but we recognize more needs to be done. There is no room for racism or discrimination in any of our schools or workplaces.

We are pleased to announce that the CBE will establish an anti-racism and equity advisory council to hear directly from students, staff, parents/guardians, and the CBE community at large. The [CBE Collaboration for Anti-Racism and Equity Support Advisory Council](#) – or CBE CARES! – will meet starting this fall and will provide suggestions and advice on how to address racism in our schools and workplaces.

We have also introduced an equity factor to our resource allocation method to account for variability in student needs in schools across our system. This change will ensure that we better allocate resources to support student success where it will have the greatest impact.

Provincial Student Transportation Task Force

The provincial government is currently reviewing all aspects of student transportation in Alberta. Currently, only students who live further than 2.4km away from their regular or special education program designated school are considered eligible for transportation (and transportation funding) under provincial law. Transportation services can be provided through school buses, specialized transportation or public transit.

While the CBE provides additional services beyond this mandate, this comes at a cost to families in the form of fees. These non-mandated services include transportation for students who live closer than 2.4km away from their regular program designated school and transportation to alternative programs such as French Immersion.

If you have any thoughts around transportation service levels, funding, or eligibility, we would encourage you to share them with the task force.

The task force will provide its recommendations to the Minister of Education this fall. More information about the task force, including contact information, can be found at the following website.

<https://www.alberta.ca/student-transportation-task-force.aspx>

Update on the Ministerial Order from the Board of Trustees.

On May 20, the Board of Trustees received the [Financial Cost Management and Governance Review report of the CBE](#) and the associated [Ministerial Order](#). If this report were a report card, it would reflect success in some areas, but less than exemplary performance in others. We appreciate the observations and recommendations outlined in the Auditors Report. It gives us the opportunity to see ourselves through a different lens.

We have work to do to comply with the directives contained in the Ministerial Order. In cooperation with the Chief Superintendent, we are developing a work plan to fully implement the directives by Nov. 30, 2020. We are committed to providing you regular updates on our progress. Details and updates can be found on our [website](#).

Year End Message for Families

Chief Superintendent Usih shares his appreciation for the support and understanding during what has been a challenging school year along with some important information. Please see the [website for details](#).

Save the Dates for 2020-21

Please mark your calendars with the following dates for Council of School Councils (COSC) meetings:

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020
- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021
- Thursday, Apr. 22, 2021

All COSC meetings will be held at the [Education Centre](#) unless otherwise indicated. Topics for each evening will vary and will be announced prior to the meetings.

More information, including whether these meetings will be virtual, will be provided in the fall.