



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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Municipal Election Nominations Open

The nomination period is now open for candidates wishing to run for the offices of mayor, councillor and school board trustee in the Oct. 18, 2021 municipal election.

Changes have been made to [ward boundaries](#) that take effect for this General Election. Your ward may be different than your current ward. More information about the 2021 Municipal Election, including who is running and how to find your ward, is available on the [City of Calgary website](#).

Should You Run to be a Trustee?

On Oct. 18, 2021 the citizens of Calgary will have their voices heard in our civic election. This includes voting for trustees.

Have you ever considered running? The education of children is the most important responsibility of any society, and the job of trustee plays an important role.

The Board of Trustees provides leadership for the CBE by defining the vision, [Results](#) and Operational Expectations for the organization on behalf of its community.

The Board's job is to represent, lead and serve Calgarians and to govern the CBE. This is done by establishing expectations for organizational results and quality operational performance and then monitoring actual performance against those expectations. This monitoring takes place at public board meetings.

If this sounds like something you're interested in doing, there are a few statutory requirements for this position. You must be a Canadian citizen who is at least 18 years old and has resided in Calgary for the six months prior to nomination.

You will also have to file nomination papers no later than noon on Sept. 20, 2021. On them, you will need the signatures of at least 25 electors who reside in your wards, and give a deposit of \$100.

For more information visit
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/Elections.aspx>

Article submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees

COSC Meeting Materials are Available

The Jan. 20 COSC (Council of School Councils) meeting materials are now posted on the CBE website.

The materials include a list of successful fundraising ideas generated from parents who attended the meeting. Check it out!

- [Meeting Materials](#)

Dates for Future COSC Meetings

Dates for the final two COSC meetings in 2021 are:

- Thursday, March 25
- Wednesday, May 12

The meeting previously scheduled for April 22 has been cancelled.

Updated details and information will be posted on the [CBE website](#) as they are made available. Invitations will be sent out prior to each meeting.

2021-22 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year began on **Monday, Jan. 11, 2021** and is ongoing.

Because of current COVID-19 health measures, registrations will need to be done electronically and not in person. Please go to our [registration webpage](#) for more detailed information about how to register.

Come learn with us!

School Calendars for 2021-22 have been Approved and Posted

The first day for schools following the [traditional calendar](#) is Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, while schools following the [modified calendar](#) will start classes on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021.

While most of our schools follow the traditional calendar, a number use a modified calendar with an earlier start to the school year and additional breaks throughout the year. Please visit our [system calendar page](#) or your school's website for more information.

Government Finance and Governance Review Completed

The CBE Board of Trustees received confirmation that we have complied with the [Ministerial Order \(#16/2020\)](#) issued by Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange.

The outcome of our work is a stronger CBE. We are proud of what we have accomplished and are confident that this work will benefit CBE students for many years to come. The Board of Trustees focused on implementing changes for the long-term sustainability of the supports, services and programming the CBE offers to students while ensuring its overall financial health.

A summary of the work completed on the Ministerial Order is available [here](#).

High School Scenarios Shared Feb. 23

We will be sharing two possible scenarios for balancing enrolment at CBE high schools on Feb. 23. Parents, students, staff and community members will have opportunities to provide feedback on these scenarios through virtual sessions, online discussion forums and online surveys March 1 – 17, 2021. To learn more about the engagement opportunities and the overall process, please visit our [high school engagement web page](#). You can subscribe to receive the high school engagement e-newsletter directly to your in-box on this page as well.

Reminder | Fees and Waivers

Families are reminded to regularly check their [MyCBE/PowerSchool account](#) as new fees are added throughout the school year. Fees are due when they appear in your account.

Anyone with outstanding fees will be emailed a reminder invoice between mid-March and mid-April.

If you are having difficulty paying fees, you may qualify for fees to be waived based on income and extraordinary family circumstances. For more information visit the [Fees & Waivers webpage](#).

ASCA Awards and AGM

ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) is looking for nominations for the following annual Awards of Recognition.

- School Council Award of Merit
- School council Parent of Distinction Award
- Excellence in Learning Partnerships Award
- Division School Council Engagement Award

Please see the [ASCA website](#) for a detailed description of each award and guidelines to submit a nomination.

Nominations close on Feb. 28, 2021.

ASCA Online Learning

Online learning for school councils with ASCA instructors. Register (at no charge) early!

Meeting Mondays – online engagements, creating a forum for school council parents to learn, share information and support each other.

Webinar Wednesdays – present interactive online training sessions, focused on topic areas specific to the work of school councils.

See the [ASCA website](#) for more details.

School Councils Conference

The ASCA Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held virtually again this year on April 23 - 25, 2021. **Registration opens Feb. 15, 2021.**

Providing development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community, this event three day event offers opportunity to engage in provincial Education and network with school council members from across Alberta.

The 2021 virtual event will consider: "School Council: Leading with Purpose", promoting the work of school council in the school community to benefit student success.

More information is available on the [ASCA website](#).

System Calendar Dates

A reminder about the following system dates:

Jan. 29

System-wide non-instructional day
All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

Feb. 11 & 12

Teachers' and Staff Association Convention
All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

Monday, Feb. 17

Family Day Holiday
All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

Friday, March 12

System-wide non-instructional day for all students

Mar. 27 – April 1

Spring Break
All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

April 2 – Good Friday

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

April 5 – Easter Monday

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

April 6

Hub and CBe-learn classes resume
In-class learning resumes for all other students

April 26

System-wide non-instructional day
All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

May 21

System-wide non-instructional day
All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

May 24 - Victoria Day Holiday

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

June 29

Last day of learning for **all** students

June 30

Non-instructional day for **all** students

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

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