



## 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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### Trustee Response to Provincial Budget

On Feb. 25, the [provincial government announced its new budget](#). In response, the Board of Trustees released a brief statement today.

*“The CBE is encouraged by the Minister’s statements that school board funding will not be negatively impacted due to the pandemic-related decrease in student enrolment this year.*

*We look forward to receiving our individual funding profile at the end of March when we can develop a better understanding of what the budget will mean for CBE students in the 2021-22 school year.”*

### Anti-Racism | Inclusive Learning and Work Environments

Our Chief Superintendent of Schools sent [a message](#) to all CBE staff on Feb. 24 about anti-racism and expectations for use of language in inclusive and welcoming learning and work environments. The work of CBE CARES (Collaboration on Anti Racism and Equity Supports) is advancing. Visit [CBE CARES](#) for more information

### Next Virtual COSC Meeting is March 25, 2021

The next Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting will take place online on Thursday, March 25 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The meeting will include a presentation and discussion about the CBE’s 2021-22 budget. More specific details will follow in the meeting invitation.

The meeting will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and you will receive a meeting invitation in early March. You should not need to download any software to access this event (it will work through your browser).

Meeting materials will be posted on the COSC meeting web page following the meeting.

## High School Scenarios Shared Feb. 23

Two possible scenarios for balancing enrolment at CBE high schools were shared on Feb. 23. Parents, students, staff and community members will have the opportunity to provide feedback on these scenarios through virtual sessions, online discussion forums and online surveys from 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 inbox on this page as well.

## Free Child and Youth Emotional Wellness and Health Resources

Community Education Service (CES) delivers FREE, online, evidence-based education for parents, caregivers, and community members on topics related to child and youth emotional wellness and health. You can view [recorded and upcoming webinars](#), subscribe to the [newsletter](#), or visit the [program website](#) for a complete list of services.

## Minister's Youth Council is Accepting Applications

Alberta Education is recruiting students for the 2021/22 Minister's Youth Council. The Council gives students opportunities to make an impact on education, build their leadership skills at the provincial level and leave a legacy that will last well into the future.

Junior and senior high school students, aged 14 to 19, with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta are welcome to apply.

Students must commit to three weekends for meetings held in Edmonton in September, February and May. Students on the Minister's Youth Council share their diverse student perspectives and provide input on education topics. They bring a broad range of life experiences, knowledge and skills from all types of schools across Alberta.

The deadline for applications is March 24, 2021. For more information, visit [alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx](http://alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx).

## Final COSC Meeting

The final COSC meeting of the 2021 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 12**. The meeting previously scheduled for April 22 has been rescheduled to May 12.

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.

## COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall March 24

Parents are invited to participate in a virtual town hall where local physicians and public health professionals will share up to date information about COVID-19 and vaccines.

Presented by: 19 to Zero ([link](#) to more info) and AHS  
When: March 24, 2021 at 7 p.m.  
Where: Zoom (details below)

Presenters:

- Dr. Finola Hackett (Resident physician, family medicine)
- Dr. Jia Hu (Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health Services & family physician).

A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Feel free to submit questions in advance to: [community@19tozero.ca](mailto:community@19tozero.ca).

### Zoom meeting details

<https://zoom.us/j/92616620423?pwd=VWWhuYUtJSVR6Z1N0Z1J0MTEyVGVZWQT09>

Meeting ID: 926 1662 0423

Passcode: 331860

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abTo66Eneh>

## 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.

## Calgary Youth Justice Information

The Calgary Youth Justice Committee (CYJ) is an alternative to the court system for young people ages 12 to 17 who have committed less serious types of offence. A panel of community members volunteer to work with the young people as well as their families, victims, the legal system and the community, to find appropriate and meaningful consequences for the young person.

CYJ believes that young people can and will become valuable contributors to their communities when given a chance to change. CYJ is available to connect virtually with parent groups to provide them with information about youth justice programs and the justice system as it pertains to young people

For more information:

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## School Councils Conference

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

### 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.**