



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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Jan. 20, 2022 COSC Meeting Materials are Posted

A video of the presentation to the Jan. 20, 2022 Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting is posted on our website along with meeting materials from that night.

[Jan. 20 COSC PowerPoint Presentation](#)

[Jan. 20 COSC Meeting Video Presentation](#)

Dates for Future COSC Meetings

Dates for remaining Council of School Council (COSC) meetings for the 2021-22 school year are:

- Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2022
- Thursday, June 2, 2022

All meetings are currently expected to be held virtually. Invitations with meeting links and information will be sent out by email prior to each meeting. Please save the dates for the next two meetings in your calendars.

Update on the Draft K-6 Curriculum

The Board of Trustees sent a detailed letter to the Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, on Dec. 15, 2021 with feedback and concerns regarding the draft K-6 curriculum. The [letter](#) and a [one-page summary](#) of the concerns can be found on the Board Advocacy Page on the CBE website.

There is still an opportunity to “[Have Your Say](#)” about the draft curriculum. Alberta Education is hosting virtual sessions from Jan. 31 to Feb. 28 to enable communities to share local insights and unique perspectives. You can sign up for notifications, register for sessions and complete an online survey on the [Alberta Education curriculum website](#).

Volunteers Needed for Trustee Remuneration Committee

The Trustee Remuneration Committee reports to the Board of Trustees and is comprised of two elected trustees and at least three volunteers external to the CBE. The primary role of the committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in determining trustee remuneration levels. Volunteers serve for three years and attend one meeting per year in March. For more details, see [the story on the CBE website](#).

Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

Schools that were identified to have a school council should have received a \$500 pre-paid credit card in the last week of January.

Please remember **that all funds are to be used no later than June 17, 2022**. School council chairs are to provide receipts back to schools administration. If all \$500 of the credit card has not been used, school council chairs also need to return the credit card to the school. Schools will then forward receipts and credit cards to CBE administration. **The deadline for schools to submit receipts and credit cards is June 24.**

If school council chairs have not received the pre-paid credit card, please speak to your principal or contact Heather Kirkwood at hkirkwood@cbe.ab.ca

New Online Registration for the 2022-23 School Year

Registration for the 2022-23 school year began on Jan. 17, 2022 and is ongoing. **Families registering their children at their designated school in a regular program** are able to do so online, using [SchoolEngage](#), CBE's new online form solution.

For more information on how to register your child for a CBE school, please refer to our [Kindergarten to Grade 9 for New Students](#) or [Grade 10 to 12 for New Students](#) registration pages.

Students **registering for alternative programs will follow a different process** for registration. The registration process for alternative programs is detailed on the [Alternative Programs registration page](#).

Registration at CBE schools is **not** determined on a first come, first served basis. However, some schools / programs use a lottery process if the school is over capacity or the program has limited space available.

Correction: ASCA Annual Awards

In the December Key Communiqué information was included about the 2022 ASCA Awards of Recognition for school councils. Unfortunately, due to a lack of resources, the Awards of Recognition will not be presented this year.

Save the Date - ASCA Annual Provincial Conference and AGM

The 2022 Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) provincial conference in conjunction with their Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Edmonton on April 22, 23 and 24.

The Conference/AGM event is being planned based on the current COVID-19 situation. The Delta Marriott Hotel has the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) in place, where only fully vaccinated participants may attend in person. Masks are mandatory in all public spaces. The AGM will be a hybrid event (in person at the Delta Marriott and online) on April 24.

Watch the [ASCA conference website](#) for updates as they are made available.

ASCA Online Learning Resources

ASCA has digital resources, virtual interactions and opportunities for school councils to use. School council members can access these webinars using their ASCA membership.

1. ASCA hosts [Meeting Mondays](#) – online engagements, creating a forum for school council parents to learn, share information, and support each other.
2. [Webinar Wednesdays](#) present interactive online training sessions, focused on topic areas specific to the work of school councils.

ASCA Membership

If your school council does not have an [Alberta School Councils' Association](#) 2021-22 membership, please fill out [this form](#). ASCA memberships are paid for by the Board of Trustees. However, memberships need to be renewed, by the school council, each school year (July 1 – June 30).

The benefits of an ASCA membership can be found on their [website](#).

ASCA Workshops 2021-22

Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) offers a number of workshops that can be paid for through the ASCE grant. See the [ASCA website](#) for a list of available workshops.

Fundraising Information

School council members must decide how much the school council's purpose is likely to be enhanced or compromised as a result of fundraising activities. However, fundraising is not an expected activity of school councils.

School councils cannot be incorporated under the Societies Act. Although a school council can decide it would like to undertake fundraising, it cannot be a program that would require a gaming license from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, such as bingos, casinos or raffles. These types of fundraising activities would be conducted by the Parent Society which can be incorporated.

The school council / Parent Society will meet with the principal to set goals and targets for the fundraising of the school, and decide collaboratively how the funds will be used in the school.

School Councils who choose to fundraiser, should refer to the EducationMatters links below. EducationMatters is the "fundraising arm" of the CBE and will work with schools and school councils to initiate and process fundraising campaigns.

- [School Councils Fundraising FAQ](#)
- [Ways to Fundraise](#)
- [Donation Processes for Schools](#)

Child & Youth Well-being Panel Report

In December, the Minister of Children's Services Rebecca Schulz and MLA for Calgary-South East Matt Jones released the [Child and Youth Well-being Review panel's recommendations](#) to government.

The Child and Youth Well-being Panel was established to better understand the full scope of the psychological, social, educational and physical effects related to the COVID-19 pandemic on children and youth.

The report contains recommendations for multiple ministries, including Alberta Education, that relate to child well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic and include areas such as mental and physical health. Alberta Education will be reviewing the recommendations in-depth to determine next steps but is pleased to note that a number of already existing initiatives and supports are in alignment with the recommendations.

2022-23 School Calendar Finalized

The Calgary Board of Education has finalized its calendars for the 2022-23 school year. The first day of school is:

- Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 for schools following the [traditional calendar](#).
- Monday, Aug. 15, 2022 for schools following the [modified calendar](#).

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.

COVID-19 Information

The CBE website has up-to-date information on [current health measures in schools](#). Most recently, we started providing [daily absence numbers](#) for students absent due to illness, as well as our daily requirements and fill rates for substitute or casual employees.

Starting soon, the CBE is also expected to begin installing upgraded MERV 13 filters wherever possible in schools. Watch for a chart to be posted on our [Ventilation in Schools](#) page to track the installation process.

Free AHS Webinars Offered

The Community Education Service (CES) provides parents/caregivers and other community members with opportunities to access **free**, public [education sessions](#) on child and youth emotional wellness and health topics throughout the year.

Some of the upcoming webinars include:

- Domestic Violence
- On the Edge of Our Seats: When Excitement Tips into Anxiety
- The Process of Addiction – Part One
- Brain Science: Science of Hope and Resilience
- Cyber Safety
- Thriving and Autism: Tips, Tricks and Strategies for Success

Registration is required. For a full list of upcoming webinars: <http://community.hmhc.ca/sessions/?p=webex>

Important System Calendar Dates

The following upcoming dates apply to all schools. It is **very important** to check your school website for other dates specific to your school.

Thursday, Feb. 17 – Friday, Feb. 18, 2022

Teachers' / Staff Association Conventions
All students do not attend school

Monday, Feb. 21, 2022

Family Day holiday
All students do not attend school

Friday, March 11, 2022

System wide non-instructional day
All students do not attend school

Friday, March 18 2022

Last day of classes prior to Spring Break

Monday, March 28, 2022

Classes resume for schools following the traditional calendar.

Monday, April 4, 2022

Classes resume for schools following the modified calendar.

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday
All students do not attend school

Monday, April 18, 2022

System wide non-instructional day
All students do not attend school

Friday, May 20, 2022

System wide non-instructional day
All students do not attend school

Monday, May 23, 2022

Victoria Day
All students do not attend school

Tuesday, June 28

Last day of school

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Appeals Day
System wide non-instructional day
All students do not attend school

Thursday, June 30, 2022

System wide non-instructional day
All students do not attend school