



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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Final COSC Meeting for 2021-22

The final Council of School Council (COSC) meeting for the 2021-22 school year will be held on **Thursday, June 2, 2022**.

Invitations and topics that will be covered at the meeting will be sent out by email prior to the meeting. Please save the date in your calendars!

CBE Opening Four New Schools in 2022-23

The Calgary Board of Education is excited to open four new schools in the 2022-23 school year. The buildings are still under construction, but principals have been hired and work is well underway to prepare to welcome students. The Board of Trustees has approved the following names for each of the new schools:

- **Mahogany School** – is the first CBE school being built in the community of Mahogany. It will serve students in kindergarten to Grade 4
- **Prairie Sky School** – is the new elementary/middle school in the community of Skyview Ranch. The school will offer kindergarten to Grade 8 programming in 2022-23 and kindergarten to Grade 9 in 2023-24.
- **Bayside School** – is the second elementary school for the community of Auburn Bay. This school will offer kindergarten to Grade 4 programming for 2022-23 and expand to Grade 5 in 2023-24.
- **Lakeshore School** – is the new middle school which is also being built in the community of Auburn Bay. The school will offer programming for Grades 5-9 when it opens in the fall and will shift to Grades 6 – 9 in 2023-24.

Thank You CBE Volunteers

April 24-30 is National Volunteer Week.

The Calgary Board of Education is pleased to recognize the contributions of the many volunteers who support our schools everyday.

We are grateful for every volunteer who offers their time and shares their talents with students. Their participation in classrooms, throughout our schools and virtually from home helps to support and enhance student learning opportunities. The assistance of our volunteers allows many of our schools to do a variety of unique learning activities that otherwise might not be possible.

We sincerely thank all those who volunteer their time and energy to support our students, teachers and schools. Learn more about being a [volunteer](#) with the CBE.

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 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.

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).

Mental Health Week – May 2-8

Join in for the 71st annual Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Mental Health Week.

The theme this year is EMPATHY. Let's #GetReal about how to help. See the [CMHA website](#) for information and resources.

On-call Lunch Supervisors Needed

The Calgary Board of Education is looking for reliable, self-motivated people to join our team immediately as on-call lunch supervisors.

CBE lunch supervisors typically work two hours per day. Duties include setting up and taking down lunchroom tables, monitoring the lunchroom and hallways while the students eat lunch, and providing playground supervision. Lunch supervisors may also assist with the preparation and service of food items in food service facilities, milk programs, or special food event days.

If you are interested in casual work as a lunch supervisor, please apply on our [Careers Page](#) (click on Support Technical & Professional Careers). All applications must be submitted online.

The 2023-26 Capital Plan Approved by the Board of Trustees

At the March 29, 2022 public board meeting, the Calgary Board of Education Board of Trustees approved the [Three-Year School Capital Plan 2023-26 \(pdf\)](#) requesting new construction and major modernization projects from the provincial government. This includes two new schools and 10 modernizations.

The top four priorities in the year one capital plan requests include the major modernizations of:

- John G. Diefenbaker High School
- Annie Gale School
- A. E. Cross School and
- Sir John A. Macdonald School

Education Week is May 2-6

[Education Week](#) was established by teachers in 1928 to call attention to the importance of public education and its role in the development of Alberta. This week of celebration provides opportunities to speak up for public education; highlight partnerships among teachers, parents and students; and recognize the contributions of staff, students and volunteers in Alberta schools.

School communities are encouraged to discuss plans about different ways to promote education week in the community. School councils may be interested in collaborating in this work with teachers and staff and are encouraged to connect with them for support

Yellow School Bus Transportation Registration Will Begin in May

Service levels and fees for the 2022-23 school year will be announced in the coming weeks. If your family is considering using transportation services for the next school year, you must register by the deadline to ensure yellow school bus service for the first day of classes. There is no financial obligation for registration; families have until the fall to cancel without a fee.

May is Budget Season.

As we prepare the CBE's 2022-23 budget to submit to Alberta Education by the end of May, you can provide feedback on our [website](#). Our finance team reads every comment, and will consider your input when making decisions regarding future budgets. In the coming weeks schools will be finalizing their budgets for the next school year.

Education Minister's March 10, 2022 Curriculum Announcement

As announced in March, by Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, all K-3 students will learn new Mathematics and English Language Arts and Literature curriculums, while all K-6 students will learn from new Physical Education and Wellness curriculum starting this September.

See the [government website](#) for more information on the [new K-6 Curriculum](#).

Visit the Board of Trustees' [advocacy page](#) for more information, including feedback provided to date on the K-6 curriculum

Loonies for Literacy

[Loonies for Literacy](#) is EducationMatters' system-wide fundraising event to help schools purchase the literacy resources their students need the most. For every dollar a school raises for its own initiative, a dollar will also go to a school in need through the generosity of community sponsors and contributions.

Please go to the [EducationMatters website](#) for more information on how you or your school can be involved.

REMINDER: Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

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.**

Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
- information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
- parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.
- programs to support families including those of English language and of indigenous learners
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages
- events to engage parents on important local issues
- parent engagement in promoting the value of arts
- trainer or facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above

Examples of non-allowable expenses include:

- entertainment costs, meals, snacks or other food
- capital asset purchases
- activities that took place prior to the ASCE Grant being announced
- organization memberships or conference fees
- fundraising events
- prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
- payment to school board staff including honoraria, gifts
- entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances, concerts or performances et.

If you have any questions please contact Heather Kirkwood at hkirkwood@cbe.ab.ca

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 for May include:

- Promoting Resilience and Self-Regulation (2-7 Years)
- Helping your Child to Foster a Positive Relationship with Food
- From Finsta to FOMO: Understanding Social Media Use in Teams
- Brain Science: Sciences of Hope and Resilience
- The Growing Brain: Impact of Mental Health

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

Nutrition Programs for Families

If you require nutrition support for your child(ren) you can access various community supports.

- [Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids](#) has programs to support families with lunch.
- [The Calgary Food Bank](#)
- 211: <https://ab.211.ca/>
 - [Food hampers](#)
 - [Free or low cost meals](#)
 - [School meal programs](#)
- [Calgary Free food services](#)
- [Calgary Meals on Wheels](#): Offers a service (My Choice Menu) where meals (individual and / or family) can be purchased frozen and delivered free to their doorstep.

Apply for Environmental Education and Green Space Grants

Apply for funding through TD Friends of the Environment for environmental education and green space programs! Grants up to \$8,000 available. Deadline is July 15, 2022. [Learn more and apply](#)

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.

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