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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 of the year – Apr. 28

Please plan on joining us on Thursday, Apr. 28, 2016 for the final COSC meeting of this school year.

The meeting will be held at the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. from 7 – 9 p.m. with free parking available for attendees.

Topics for this meeting will include updates on system topics including the budget and new CBE communication channels. The meeting will also include a discussion about the role of school councils in public engagement.

A meeting invitation will be sent out closer to the date.

Public Engagement Framework

The CBE is committed to involving people in decisions that affect them. To do this more effectively, we are developing a new system-wide approach to public engagement. Following consultations with employees, parents, students and community members in late 2015, the first draft of the framework is currently being developed.

While we had initially expected a first draft of the framework to be ready to share with stakeholders by the end of March, we now expect this draft to be completed by late April or early May. The delay is related to the time commitments required to develop this tool at the same time as we are engaging our communities on a number of other key initiatives, including transportation and schools impacted by new school openings. As soon as the framework is ready, it will be distributed to key stakeholders for their feedback.

Transportation Engagement

The CBE is committed to reviewing our transportation model to ensure we continue to deliver safe, efficient and cost-effective transportation that is financially sustainable. Parents, staff, students, and other stakeholders have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas before any changes to transportation service levels and fees are made for the 2016-17 school year and beyond.

Decisions about transportation services could impact the dollars available to support learning for all students. Even if your child does not take a bus to and from school, we still want to hear from you.

In-person engagement sessions are planned for the public to share their perspectives. Workshops will be held throughout the city on April 6, 7 and 12 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Please register for a session at cbe.ab.ca/dialogue.

An online survey will also be available in April on our website.

We need all of our CBE community to be involved in helping us find equitable solutions to this transportation budget challenge. We look forward to working together.

Schools Impacted by New School Openings

Opening new schools is an exciting time for the CBE and for Calgary. The new schools opening in the 2016-17 school year will create additional space in some existing schools and result in future changes for some of our schools.

Come and be part of the conversation about how the CBE can use this extra space to ensure the best outcomes for our students, families and communities.

Please get involved and share your thoughts with us at any of the information sessions to be held on April 13, 14, 19, 20 or 28. [Register for a session](#).

Amendments to the *School Act* (Bill 10)

Recent amendments to the *School Act* (Bill 10) have broadened the CBE's responsibility to promote welcoming, safe, caring and respectful school environments that foster a sense of belonging and a respect for diversity. The Board of Trustees passed second reading of policy changes related to these amendments at a public board meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 29, 2016. Administration has also reviewed its regulations and has prepared draft administrative regulations and guidelines which address six key areas of the amended *School Act*. Please go to our Board of Trustees meeting [webpage](#) for more information.

ASCA Webinars

ASCA is pleased to present Webinar Wednesdays with scheduled training, instructional sharing, partner connections and focus group sessions for the 2015-16 school year. These one-hour sessions are offered at 9:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on the dates noted below.

The next scheduled webinars are:

- Masterful Minutes – Apr. 13, 2016
- School Council Purpose – May 11, 2016
- Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose – May 18, 2016
- Chair Basics – May 25, 2016

Please go to the [ASCA website](#) for more information.

An ASCA membership and pre-registration for a webinar is required. If your school council does not have an ASCA 2015-16 membership just fill out [this form](#). ASCA memberships are paid for by the Board of Trustees.

Recent Stories Featured on the CBE Website

The CBE posts news and stories about the activities that happen across our system throughout the year. Here are some of the stories we are featuring now:

- Ernest Manning High School robotics team participates in international competition
- Book Truck hits the road at Alex Munro School
- Diefenbaker Green Chiefs attend Garden Naming Ceremony
- Mayor Nenshi visits Wildwood School to promote literacy
- Reading celebration at Guy Weadick School
- Computer programming competition no match for Western Canada High School students
- Maple Ridge school students raise \$4,050 for Ronald McDonald House

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