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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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## Thank you!

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the parents/guardians and families who took time to volunteer at our schools this past year. We all have a part to play in public education, with many dedicating much time and effort to help make our schools the best they can be.

Parents serve on school councils, advocate for important issues, volunteer as room parents and classroom volunteers and do much more to help CBE students be successful. We are grateful for your support and would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all that you do.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to help our students realize their full potential and we welcome your ongoing involvement. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

## Reminder: Year-end reports requested by June 30

Under the *School Act*, school councils are responsible for submitting an annual report to the Board of Trustees. This [report](#) helps the Board of Trustees measure and be accountable for parent and community involvement. The school council chair is responsible for submitting the report to the Board of Trustees by the end of June. Please send the completed report to the Board of Trustees via email at [boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca) or mail through inter-school to: Office of the Board of Trustees, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S. W., Calgary, AB T2R 0L4

## Topics scheduled for 2016-17 COSC meetings

The 2016-17 Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting dates have been set as shown below. They will be held at the Education Centre (1221 – 8 Street S.W.) from 7 – 9 p.m. and free parking is available for attendees.

Please note the topic scheduled for each meeting

Meeting date	Topic
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016	Volunteer recruitment and succession planning
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016	Supporting student mental health
Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017	Subject focus: Math
Thursday, Mar. 16, 2017	High School Success
Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2017	Year in review and planning for future COSC meetings

Please mark these dates in your calendars and share them with your incoming council executive.

## Board Chair and Vice Chair elected

At its annual organizational meeting held on June 21, 2016, the Board of Trustees elected Joy Bowen-Eyre as chair and elected Trina Hurdman as vice-chair for the next year.



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*Have a great  
summer!  
See you in  
the fall.*

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## Board of Trustees approves the CBE 2016-17 “Students Come First” budget

The \$1.3 billion budget supports student success while aligning with the CBE’s values: students come first, learning is our central purpose, and public education serves the common good. The budget is balanced with the use of \$20 million in operating reserves.

The CBE expects over 118,000 students in its classrooms next fall, and this budget will continue to support a high quality learning environment for all students.

Provincial education funding rates were maintained in the 2016-17 provincial budget, enabling the CBE to maintain next year’s service levels similar to 2015-16.

[Read more](#)

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## Update your 2016-17 school council contacts

If you know who your school council members are for 2016-17, we want to hear from you! Even if people are continuing in the same roles as this past year, we’d still appreciate you confirming who should be on our circulation list for the coming year. A **NEW** distribution list is created for the each new school year and it typically includes the School Council Chair, Vice-Chair and Key Communicator

As soon as your executive members are confirmed for 2016-17, please email [schoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:schoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca) and provide us with the following information or fill in the [School Council Contacts Form](#) on the website.

- Name
- Title on Council
- School
- Email address
- Phone number (optional)

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## Board of Trustees pays for ASCA memberships for CBE school councils

The Board of Trustees will pay the cost of Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) memberships for any CBE school councils who are interested in this opportunity. Memberships need to be renewed on an annual basis. Membership terms run from July 1 to June 30.

ASCA provides valuable support and services to school councils across the province. To learn more about ASCA, please visit [their website](#).

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## 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:

- CBE Announces 2016-17 Transportation Service Levels
- New Public School Named for Nature Preserve
- New School Named for Spruce Meadows Founder
- Calgary Flames Organizations Helps Jack James High School Graduation Dreams Come True
- A Year Worth Celebrating
- New to Canada Refugee Students Learn at Heritage Park
- CBE Celebrates Aboriginal Awareness Week Calgary
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Coach Initiative
- Celebrating World Refugee Day with Stampede Spirit

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