



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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COSC Dec. 6 Meeting Materials Posted Online

The Dec. 6 COSC meeting was attended by about 60 school council representatives. The meeting featured system updates from our Board of Trustees, including information on trustee advocacy efforts, our Annual Education Results Report and Three-Year Education Plan and our new chief superintendent. In addition, the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) provided a presentation and hosted a discussion about school council roles, and specifically how school councils can work effectively with school principals.

The presentation [materials](#) are posted on our School Council webpage. Please share these with members of your school council and your school community.

How to Contact Your MLA

During the Dec. 6 meeting, school council chairs asked for information about how to contact their Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to advocate for public education.

You can find out who your MLA is by entering your street address on the Elections Alberta [website](#). Here you will find your electoral division, MLA name, constituency office and legislature office addresses, party they represent, and key contact information.

Additional MLA information including bios can be found at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta [website](#).



Happy Holidays

Hoping that you enjoy this holiday season filled with joy and laughter of family and friends.

District Strategy Approved

On Nov. 27, Trustees approved [the Annual Education Results Report and Three-Year Education Plan](#). The plan, that is submitted to Alberta Education, lays out key strategies and actions for the Calgary Board of Education, with a focus on math, literacy, Indigenous education, high school success and employee engagement. This important document also includes a summary of student achievement on provincial tests and exams in the 2017-18 school year, as well as statistics on high school completion, transitions to post-secondary studies and drop out rates as compared to the province as a whole.

System School Calendars Approved

Instructional calendars have been approved for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. All of these calendars can be found on the [CBE website](#).

System calendars establish common start and end days, and 10 system-wide days for schools to schedule parent-teacher conferences, professional development and organizational days. Schools may identify additional non-instructional days, late entries or early dismissals in consultation with their school community and area director, and in alignment with Alberta Education and CBE requirements for instruction.

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.

Do You Have a Student Who Will be in a CBE High School in 2019-20?

Check out the CBE's [2019-20 Get Ready, Get Set, Go For It](#) online guide for information on high school, completion requirements, course planning and programs. The guide is also available in print at your child's school. Please visit the [CBE High School webpage](#) for more information on available options.

You can also discover dual-credit, exploratory and off-campus learning opportunities in arts, business, software development, recreational leadership, trades and more. Application deadlines are coming up soon for some of the courses starting in semester two. Visit our [Unique Opportunities and Off-Campus Education webpage](#) today for details.

Dates for 2018-19 COSC meetings

Please mark your calendar with the following dates for COSC meetings for the rest of the 2018-19 school year:

- Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019
- Thursday, Apr. 11, 2019

All COSC meetings are held at the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW.

Invitations will be sent out prior to each meeting and will include the topics for that evening.

Updated details and information will be posted on the [CBE website](#) as they are made available.

Upcoming CBE Open Houses

The CBE has a rich variety of programs to personalize learning for students. A great way to learn more about these programs is to visit the many open houses that take place throughout the year. To see our full calendar of open houses please visit our [website](#).

Get your tickets for the Annual CBE Night with the Hitmen

Support the *Fuel for School Breakfast Program* by purchasing your tickets to the Jan. 25, 2019 Calgary Hitmen hockey game. Five dollars from each ticket sold goes towards providing students with a nutritious breakfast. Come have a fun and exciting evening cheering on your local WHL team, while also contributing to a great cause that supports children in our city.

Fuel for School serves 130,000 breakfasts each year to CBE students. We know that a healthy breakfast is important for learning. Help us reach our goal of fueling learning through this ever-growing program.

Tickets cost \$15. [Click here](#) for information to purchase your tickets. See the [flyer \(pdf\)](#) for more information.

For more information about Fuel for School and how you can help make a difference, please go to our [website](#).

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More Students to Access High Quality CBE French Immersion Programs

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to respond to growing interest and provide new opportunities for more students to access high-quality French Immersion Programs in northwest and north central Calgary after a comprehensive community engagement process.

In November, the CBE shared its proposed plan with affected communities for feedback. After giving careful consideration to all that we heard about the plan, we still believe this plan (with one notable boundary change for the Capitol Hill and Hillhurst communities) provides the best opportunities for student learning, sustainability and growth of the northwest and north central French Immersion Programs.

Please see our [website](#) for more information

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Skilled Trades Fair

Find out about careers in skilled trades and connect with people in the industry and employers. Learn about RAP and explore the CBE's industry-based off-campus courses that are available to high school students.

Who:	All CBE students, parents and teachers are welcome to attend. You do not need to register
When:	Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Where:	Lord Beaverbrook High School 9019 Fairmount Dr. SE

Webinar Recordings by ASCA

As part of ASCA support, learning opportunities are provided through webinars and videos to assist with school council effectiveness.

Webinars are now available to view at any time on the [ASCA webinar website](#). Webinars available include:

- Masterful Minutes
- Meeting Management
- Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose
- Chair Basics
- School Council Purpose
- Tools for Effective School Councils

School council members can access these webinars using their ASCA membership.

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:

- So You Think You Can Dance? William Reid School Students Can!
- Tom Baines School Wins Big at Tournament of Champions
- Balmoral School Teachers Recognized for Life-Saving Efforts
- Supporting the Whole Child | CBE Help Kick Off the 30th Annual Mayor's Christmas Food Drive
- Jack James Students Build Career Opportunities Alongside New Home
- Evergreen School Students Knit Toques for the Homeless

Check out the latest stories on our home page under [CBE News](#).

Registration for Kindergarten starts on Jan. 14, 2019 at all CBE Schools

Children must be at least four years old on or before March 1 to start kindergarten in the fall of 2019. You can use the calculator on our [kindergarten webpage](#) to see if your child is eligible.

Every child in Calgary has a designated CBE school based on their primary home address and the program they want to attend. Please use our [find a school tool](#) to locate your child's designated school. In addition to our excellent regular program, the CBE also offers several [alternative programs](#)