



## 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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### Reminder: The Next COSC Meeting is Feb. 19

The Council of School Councils (COSC) is comprised of school council chairs and/or designates (usually Key Communicators) from all CBE schools.

The next Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. The meeting will take place in the multipurpose room of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. from 7 – 9 p.m. Free parking is available for attendees in the building parkade accessible from 12 Avenue.

Meeting topics will include important updates on:

- the 2020-21 CBE budget;
- 2020 Alberta School Councils AGM;
- transportation options for next year; and
- K-9 reporting and assessment

In preparation for the reporting and assessment discussion, please watch this [six-minute video](#). This video will also be shown at the COSC meeting.

Invitations have been sent in a separate email. Please RSVP to [rsvpschoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:rsvpschoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca) if you are able to join us.

### Provincial Budget 2020 Consultations Begin

Albertans are invited to share their opinions and suggestions for the 2020 budget.

An [online survey](#) with questions on Albertans' spending and saving priorities, as well as ideas for job creation and growing Alberta's economy, is open until Feb. 7.

The public input will help inform Budget 2020, scheduled to be released sometime in the next couple of months.

## Date for Final COSC Meeting

The last COSC meeting for the 2019-20 school year is tentatively booked for Thursday, Apr. 16, 2020

All COSC meetings are held at the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. Invitations and more information will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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

## System Calendar Dates

A reminder about the following **system** dates:

### Friday, Jan. 31

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

### Feb. 13 & 14

Teachers' & Staff Association Convention,  
schools closed

### Monday, Feb. 17

Family Day Holiday, all schools closed

### Friday, March 20

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

### Mar. 23 – 27

Spring Break, all schools closed

### Monday, March 30

Traditional calendar schools reopen

### Monday, Apr. 6

Modified calendar schools reopen

### Friday, Apr. 10

Good Friday, all schools closed

### Monday, Apr. 13

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

### Friday, May 15

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

### Monday, May 18

Victoria Day Holiday, all schools closed

### Monday, June 29

Last day of school for students

**Please be sure to check your school's website and calendar for other dates that are school specific.**

## School Council Handbook

The [School Council Handbook](#) is being updated. Please watch the website for a new version to be posted soon.

## Trustee Davis' Resignation and Support for Wards 6 & 7 Schools

At a Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 27, Trustee Lisa Davis submitted her written resignation which is effective immediately.

We look forward to moving on and working together to support students and public education in the City of Calgary. The Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring all wards are fully represented. Please visit the [Ward 6 & 7 page](#) to confirm which trustee will be responsible for the schools in these wards. You can also connect with trustees through [boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca) or call 403-817-7933.

For more detailed information about the resignation, please check out [our website](#).

## Yellow Bus Fees Can Now be Paid

Parents will have received an email on Jan. 30 if they have one or more children registered for yellow school bus transportation for the 2019-20 school year as of January 29, 2020. **The annual fee of \$365 per student has been added to all accounts and can now be paid.**

Please visit [MyCBEPowerSchool](#) to arrange for the payment of these fees.

## Helpful Links

- [2019-20 Transportation Service Levels and Fees](#)
- [MyCBEPowerSchool](#)
- [Fee Payment Options](#)
- [Waivers](#)

## ASCA Awards and AGM

ASCA is looking for nominations for the following annual Awards of Recognition.

- School Council Award of Merit
- School council Parent of Distinction Award
- Excellence in Learning Partnerships Award
- Division School Council Engagement Award

Please see the [ASCA website](#) for a detailed description of each award and [guidelines](#) to submit a nomination. **Nominations close on Feb. 28, 2020.**

## School Councils Conference

Annual General Meeting April 24 – 26, 2020  
Hosted by Alberta School Councils Association

Providing development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community, this event

offers opportunity to engage in provincial Education and network with school council members from across Alberta.

The three-day event is Friday, Saturday and Sunday with options to purchase a ticket pass or individual event tickets.

Saturday sessions, keynote address and an evening banquet are presented prior to the Sunday business meeting and election of the ASCA Board of Directors.

Visit the ASCA website for [information and online registration](#).

View the [Conference brochure here](#).

**Deadlines:**

Conference registration – April 20, 2020 at noon

Hotel registration – March 26, 2020 to guarantee rate availability.

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