



## 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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### How Alberta Education Funds the CBE

In advance of receiving its individual funding profile for the 2021-22 school year, the CBE created a video that explains how Alberta Education funding flows to schools. The video uses past allocations to explain funding for school-based and system-wide activities — all in support of student success. The video as well as the budget feedback form, can be found at [cbe.ab.ca/budget](https://cbe.ab.ca/budget).

To provide input on the 2021-22 budget, please visit our [budget feedback form](#). We also encourage you to visit the [Board of Trustee's Advocacy](#) page to learn more about our Trustees' work with stakeholders

### CBE Three-Year Capital Plan

At the March 23, 2021 public board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Three-Year School Capital Plan 2022-25 requesting new construction and major modernization projects from the provincial government. This includes three new schools and 12 modernizations.

The focus of this capital plan is on major modernizations in some of our older schools. With more than half of our schools 50 years of age and older, these sites need attention to ensure they continue to be great places to learn for the next 50 years

The approved report is posted on our [website](#).

### March 25 COSC Meeting Materials

The **March 25 COSC (Council of School Councils)** meeting materials will be made available on the CBE website during spring break. Please watch the [CBE website](#) for updates.

### Final COSC Meeting

The final COSC meeting of the 2021 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 12**. Updated details and information will be posted on the [CBE website](#) as they are made available. Invitations will be sent out prior to the meeting.

## Free Child and Youth Emotional Wellness and Health Resources

Community Education Service (CES) delivers FREE, online, evidence-based education for parents, caregivers, and community members on topics related to child and youth emotional wellness and health. You can view [recorded and upcoming webinars](#), subscribe to the [newsletter](#), or visit the [program website](#) for a complete list of services.

## Alberta Education Survey

Each year Alberta Education sends an important survey to all parents and legal guardians of students in Grades 4, 7 and 10. In schools with fewer than 120 students, surveys are sent to parents/legal guardians of all students.

The 2020-21 school year is the first year of the Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) survey, which replaces the former Accountability Pillar (AP) survey. This year's survey will be available for parents/legal guardians **March 25 to April 23, 2021**.

Families will receive the English version of the survey through the mail, but Alberta Education also provides it in Arabic, Blackfoot, Chinese, Cree, French, Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu. If you would prefer to respond to the survey in one of these languages, just tell the principal of your child's school, and a copy will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the principals of your child's school. More information about the survey and translations of the information are available on [our website](#).

**Please complete the survey by Friday, April 23.**

## School Budget and Fees Engagement

Schools will be sharing information about school budget and fees at school council meetings and on school websites in April. Schools will also circulate surveys to parents to gather input and feedback. Surveys will include school-level questions and broader, system-level questions.

School councils can help by encouraging participation from parents in sharing their perspectives. Connect with your principal if you have any questions.

## Online Learning Choice for 2021-22

Hub online learning was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling students to learn online full-time while remaining connected to their community school. It was a temporary option for the 2020-21 school year.

**For next year and beyond, CBE will offer the choice of full-time online learning for Grade 1 to 12 students through a centralized online school called CBe-learn. Hub online learning will no longer be available.**

Current Hub students, as well as students learning in-person at school, will automatically be enrolled for **in-person** learning next year (2021-22) at their school. If they are currently in the highest grade offered at their school, they will be enrolled for in-person learning at their next designated or transfer school, according to our standard practices.

If your child is interested in online learning for next year, you will need to submit a transfer request. **CBe-learn transfer forms will be available in early April and are due by Friday, April 23.** Watch for more information to come.

The only students who will be automatically enrolled in CBe-learn for 2021-22 are those who are already currently attending CBe-learn online full time as their community school.

CBe-learn has been part of CBE for nearly 20 years, providing an education for families who prefer online learning for a variety of reasons. More information is available on the [CBe-learn school website](#).

## Thank you for Helping to Shape the Future of CBE High Schools

A huge shout out to all parents and community members who provided feedback on high school scenarios through the online survey, idea boards or virtual sessions. We had more than 13,000 responses from students, staff, parents and community members on the online surveys. All the scenario information, recordings of the virtual sessions and the many comments provided on the idea boards are posted on the [high school engagement webpage](#).

All of the feedback has been compiled and is currently being reviewed and discussed. The feedback will be considered in developing a proposed plan, which will be shared in June or September.

## School Councils Conference

The ASCA Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held virtually again this year on April 23 - 25, 2021. **Registration opened Feb. 15, 2021.** More information is available on the [ASCA website](#).

## Active and Safe Routes to School | Idling / Earth Day

Did you know? Thursday, April 22 is Earth day! A large part of Calgary's air pollution comes from transportation; that is, from us driving – and idling – our cars. When cars idle at Calgary's 600+ schools, it becomes a big problem for the environment. A study from the [University of Toronto](#) found that cars can generate very high air pollution concentrations right where students are being dropped off. If you plan to drive, avoid the congestion and reduce air pollution near the school - park a couple of blocks away and help protect the air we breathe!

Learn more at the [City of Calgary's Active and Safe Routes to School page](#).

## Calgary Police Service School Resource Officer Engagement

The Calgary Police Service (CPS) wants to hear from your child about their experiences with the School Resource Officer (SRO) program offered in CBE Schools. The company Argyle is leading this project for CPS to gather feedback on community awareness and views related to the SRO program.

This engagement will aim to understand stakeholders' perceptions of the SRO program. CPS also wants to understand if the SRO program is being delivered in a way that considers equity, inclusion, and diversity. As part of the engagement process, CPS are looking to highlight the diverse lived experiences of the community, which includes students, parents/guardians, teachers, school administration, and community partners.

This is an optional survey, should you wish to participate the survey can be accessed using this [link](#). This survey will be open from **March 3-31**, 2021. As this is a Calgary Police Service initiative please direct questions or concerns to [cpsengage@argylepr.com](mailto:cpsengage@argylepr.com).

As partners with the Calgary Police Service we look forward to reviewing the results alongside them.

## ASCA Online Support for Councils

Online training for school councils with ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) instructors. Register (at no charge) early! See the [ASCA website](#) for more details.

**Meeting Mondays** – online engagements, creating a forum for school council parents to learn, share information and support each other.

**Webinar Wednesdays** – present interactive online training sessions, focused on topic areas specific to the work of school councils.

## ASCA Advocacy Policies

Statements made within Proposed Advocacy Resolution P21-07 call into question the procedural decision of the Oct. 17, 2020 ASCA Regular General Meeting Chair, permitting motions to be moved, citing a breach of ASCA's existing bylaws.

Please read the [letter](#) from the ASCA Executive Director to inform members of decision made by the ASCA Board at its March 20/21, 2021 meeting on this matter.

## System Calendar Dates

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

### Mar. 27 – April 1

Spring Break

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

### April 2 – Good Friday

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

### April 5 – Easter Monday

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

### April 6

Hub and CBe-learn classes resume

In-class learning resumes for all other students

### April 26

System-wide non-instructional day

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

### May 21

System-wide non-instructional day

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

### May 24 - Victoria Day Holiday

All schools closed. No Hub or CBe-learn classes

### June 29

Last day of learning for **all** students

### June 30

Non-instructional day for **all** students

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