



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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Final Virtual COSC Meeting of 2020-21

A reminder that the final COSC meeting of the 2020-21 school year will be held on Wednesday, June 2.

The meeting agenda will include:

- System Updates:
 - COVID-19
 - Transportation
 - Draft K-6 curriculum
 - High school engagement
- The 2021-22 Budget/ 2021-24 Education Plan
 - Board priorities
 - School development plan
- Q&A

Invitations have been sent via email. Please RSVP to receive a link to attend the meeting.

ASCA School Council Parent of Distinction Award

Two parents from the CBE were recognized with a “Parent of Distinction Award” at the recent Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) annual meeting.

The School Council Parent of Distinction Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates the ability to promote parental engagement and involvement in the public education system. Truly exceptional in their dedication and initiative, this individual has dynamic leadership qualities and encourages opportunity to influence student learning success in their school community. This award recipients are:

- Jen Dobranski, Banting and Best School
- Linden Achen, Capitol Hill School

The ASCA board of directors salutes the 2021 award recipients for outstanding service in their schools and communities.

Congratulations Jen and Linden!

Trustees Approve Budget and Education Plan

[The Board of Trustees approved](#) the Calgary Board of Education's 2021-22 budget as well as the 2021–2024 Education Plan at a regular board meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

The budget and Education Plan outline the CBE's priorities for the system while aligning with the Alberta Education Assurance Framework to enhance public trust and confidence that the education system is meeting the needs of students and that students are successful.

Provide Feedback on Proposed Plan for CBE High Schools June 1-13, 2021

After launching the high school engagement in May 2019, this is the last opportunity for people to provide feedback before a decision is made. We will share the proposed plan with you on June 1, and gather feedback on the plan through online surveys (until June 13) and idea boards (until June 8). In response to requests that we make this decision as soon as possible, we will share a final decision by the end of June. Thank you for your ongoing participation in this process! [Learn more](#)

Pre-Register Now to Ensure Transportation in September

For 2021-22 school year, transportation service levels will remain the same and the proposed fees are lower than the current school year.

Pre-registration is available using [MyCBE / PowerSchool](#). Families must **register by June 6** for students to be added to routes for the start of the school year. Transportation continues to accept registrations after the deadline; however, students are added to the closest existing stop with available space. Processing times could be up to six weeks at the beginning of the school year due to volume.

With all the uncertainty families are currently facing, we want to assure families that there is no risk in pre-registering for transportation. If families think they may need transportation services for the next school year, please pre-register by the deadline.

Learn more on the [CBE website](#).

Reminder | Waivers are Available

Families are reminded to regularly check their MyCBE/PowerSchool account as new fees are added throughout the school year. Fees are due when they appear in your account.

For families having difficulties paying the fees, there are several ways to qualify for the fees to be waived based on income and unexpected family situations. The deadline for waiver applications is **June 30, 2021**. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to allow time for your documents to be processed.

For more information visit the [Fees & Waivers webpage](#).

Noon Supervision Refunds

Fees are not charged for noon supervision on days the CBE is not able to provide services due to provincial direction to move to at-home learning. If your child has been required to isolate at other times during the school year, you will not be refunded noon supervision fees for the days they needed to stay home.

After the last day of school, Student Fees will determine refunds for noon supervision services not provided during the school year, including the time May and the week in January after winter break. Refunds will first be provided to online payments, crediting the payment card that was used for the original payment. After this work has been completed, we will then begin the process to issue cheques for other payments. We expect all refunds to be issued by the end of August.

Learn more on the [CBE Fees webpage](#).

EducationMatters Buy A Book Thank A Teacher Campaign

[Buy a Book, Thank a Teacher](#) is a great opportunity for parents/guardians looking for an end of year gift that will honour their child's teacher and help grow school or classroom libraries. Please share the campaign with your school community and help get the 2021-22 school year off to a great start with a grant for your school literacy program.

[EducationMatters](#) supports student success by seeking and stewarding community investment with a focus on removing barriers to success including financial need and to build equity for educational enhancements for all students.

Star-studded lineup for Alberta's Mental Wellness Day for Schools

Education Minister, Adrienne LaGrange, has invited schools across Alberta to come together on Thursday, June 3 to participate in Mental Wellness Day for Schools. The theme for the day is "Take care of yourself and each other".

Students, parents, teachers and education staff are invited to take part in free online sessions on mental health and wellness. Activities include a performance and message from Alberta country music singer Brett Kissel, inspirational messages from the Edmonton Oilers, Calgary Flames and others, as well as fun, age-appropriate activities for children and youth led by Alberta Health Services.

See the [Alberta website](#) for details.

Complete 2021 Census

Please complete the [2021 Census!](#) It's safe, quick and easy, and it can be done online. Your responses will help plan services that support employment, education, public transportation and hospitals in your community. The CBE uses census data in many ways, including enrolment projections, accommodation planning and to inform our Education Plan.

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.

ASCA April 25, AGM Information and Meeting Documents

The Alberta School Councils Association Annual General Meeting was held online on April 25 in conjunction with the ASCA School Councils Conference

AGM information and documents can be found on the [ASCA website](#). Some of the documents available are:

- [President's Report](#)
- [ASCA Advocacy and Action 2020-21 Report](#)
- [ASCA Advocacy Overview](#)

Draft K-6 Curriculum – Have Your Say

The Alberta Government is seeking feedback on the draft kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum. Feedback will be open until spring, 2022.

Your feedback will help refine the draft K-6 curriculum before it is implemented in classrooms across the province in September 2022.

Go to the [Alberta website](#) to get involved:

- Read about the key themes
- Review one or more subject areas
- Take an online survey
- Participate in parent and public virtual sessions (new dates will be added in the weeks ahead).

Summer School 2021: June 28 - July 27

This year, summer school courses will only be offered in an online format. The courses will be offered through CBE-learn and are only available for current CBE students. Students can only register in a maximum of one summer school course. Contact your high school for summer school registration information.

Students Can Earn High School Credits for External Learning

Alberta Education has a new process to award high school credits for external learning opportunities that students take outside of school. This new process provides a more personalized, flexible approach for completing high school.

Students complete external courses offered by government-recognized organizations such as the Canadian Armed Forces or Lifesaving Society. They can earn up to five credits toward a high school credential by asking their school to have external courses approved by Alberta Education. Earned credits cannot substitute for courses required for an Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of High School Achievement. When students take external learning, school authorities do not receive provincial funding for the credits.

While students initiate the request for credits, their school is responsible for following Alberta Education's processes for external course approval and awarding credits. Alberta Education will review the external learning opportunity and ensure the providing organization is fulfilling its responsibilities and meeting course requirements. For more details, visit [High School credits for external learning](#).