



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 COSC Meeting for 2021-22

The final Council of School Council (COSC) meeting for the 2021-22 school year will be held on **Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** Invitations were sent out by email on May 12. Please RSVP to RSVPschoolcouncils@cbe.ab.ca by **Monday, May 30.**

Topics for the meeting include: 2022-23 budget, Education Plan, K-6 curriculum update and a time for Q&A with trustees and superintendents.

Board of Trustees Approve 2022-23 Budget and Education Plan

The Board of Trustees confirmed the organizational direction of the Calgary Board of Education on Tuesday, May 24 by approving the [2022-23 operational budget and 2021-2024 Education Plan](#). The Education Plan sets out areas of focus over a three-year span based on the Board priorities of student achievement, equity and well-being, while the budget aligns services with the funding received from Alberta Education.

Time to Submit Annual Reports

Under The [Education 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 annually.

Although the [Education Act](#) states the deadline for these reports is Sept. 30, Trustees would appreciate **receiving the report prior to the end of June.**

To send to the Board of Trustees, email to boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca or mail through the school to Office of the Board of Trustees, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W., Calgary, AB T2R 0L4.

A copy of the report should also be provided to the school principal.

A link to the [report template](#) can be found on the CBE website on the School Council page under Supporting Documents (right hand side).

Education and the Impact of COVID-19 Survey – from Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA)

ASCA is conducting a [survey](#) of the parents or primary caregivers of K-12 students in Alberta to examine the perceived impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their child's **education and social/emotional wellbeing**.

This survey will portray parents' experiences of their children's academic growth, learning progress, social / emotional / mental health, and potential losses or gaps resulting from learning disruptions during COVID-19.

Participation in this survey will be used to inform ASCA's advocacy positions on parent's perceptions of students learning gaps, and how parents would prefer to be supported in addressing those gaps.

All parents and guardians of K-12 students in Alberta are encouraged to participate - your input is valued and very important in this research. [Survey link](#)

The survey closes at 9 a.m. on July 11, 2022.

REMINDER: Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

Please remember **that all funds are to be used no later than June 17, 2022**. School council chairs are to provide receipts back to school administration. If all \$500 has not been used, school council chairs also need to return the credit card to the school. Schools will then forward receipts and credit cards to CBE administration. **The deadline for schools to submit receipts and credit cards is June 24.**

If you have any questions please contact Heather Kirkwood at hkirkwood@cbe.ab.ca

On-call Lunch Supervisors Needed

The Calgary Board of Education is looking for reliable, self-motivated people to join our team immediately as on-call lunch supervisors.

CBE lunch supervisors typically work two hours per day. Duties include setting up and taking down lunchroom tables, monitoring the lunchroom and hallways while the students eat lunch, and providing playground supervision. Lunch supervisors may also assist with the preparation and service of food items in food service facilities, milk programs, or special food event days.

If you are interested in casual work as a lunch supervisor, please apply on our [Careers Page](#) (click on Support Technical & Professional Careers). All applications must be submitted online.

2022-23 Transportation Service Levels and Fees

Yellow school bus service levels and proposed fees for the 2022-23 school year are now available. Service levels will remain the same as the current school year. We will resume charging fees this fall at the same rates as the current school year before they were waived for all families in October 2021.

Families must register by Wednesday, June 8 for students to be added to routes for the start of the next school year.

If you need assistance creating a MyCBE account visit <https://cbe.ab.ca/support/Pages/MyCBE-PowerSchool.aspx>.

See the [CBE 2022-23 Transportation Service Level and Fees](#) story on our website for more information.

CBE Board of Trustees to Form a Name Review Committee for Sir John A. Macdonald School

Trustees have heard from stakeholders, including students, that it is important that we review the name of the school. Sir John A. Macdonald was Canada's first prime minister and there is complex history attached to the name.

The CBE Board of Trustees passed a motion on April 26 to form a name review committee for Sir John A. Macdonald School.

For more detailed information about the name review committee and renaming of schools please visit the [webpage](#).

The Board is committed to conducting this work in a thoughtful manner that considers the diverse perspectives of students, staff, families and community members. More information will be shared about the process when details are confirmed.

Loonies for Literacy

Loonies for Literacy is EducationMatters' system-wide fundraising event to help schools purchase the literacy resources their students need the most. For every dollar a school raises for its own initiative, a dollar will also go to a school in need through the generosity of community sponsors and contributions.

Please go to the [EducationMatters website](#) for more information on how you or your school can be involved.

Free AHS Webinars Offered

The Community Education Service (CES) provides parents/caregivers and other community members with opportunities to access **free**, public [education sessions](#) on child and youth emotional wellness and health topics throughout the year.

Some of the upcoming webinars for June/July include:

- Healthy Brains = Healthy Children
- Calgary Youth Justice Society Public Information Session
- Play with Purpose: The Impacts of Play on Development & Incorporating Play into Learning

Registration is required. For a full list of upcoming webinars: <http://community.hmhc.ca/sessions/?p=webex>

Family Wellness Summer Coping Tips

ASCA is looking for information and ideas on how your family copes with the summer schedule.

When the structure of the school year ends,

What does your family look forward to?

Challenges to overcome?

Filling time, activities and interests...

Summer camps, summer school, toddlers to teens...

Please share ideas on "coping with the summer schedule" and what it means for your family.

[ASCA will compile responses](#) to share on them on their website, and create an article for the spring Learning Team digital publication. Thank you for sharing!

Nutrition Programs for Families

If you require nutrition support for your child(ren) you can access various community supports.

- Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids has programs to support families with lunch.
- The Calgary Food Bank
- 211: <https://ab.211.ca/>
 - Food hampers
 - Free or low cost meals
 - School meal programs
- Calgary Free food services
- Calgary Meals on Wheels: Offers a service (My Choice Menu) where meals (individual and / or family) can be purchased frozen and delivered free to their doorstep

Online Interactive Workshop – Sponsored by Calgary Regional Consortium (CRC)

Inclusion in Schools: Creating a Culture of Respect for Diverse Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities and Gender Expression

Dates: June 7 and June 14

Time: 4 to 5:30 pm

Location: Online

Cost: No charge

Information and Registration: [web link](#)

Presented by: [Elizabeth McNeilly](#)

This interactive workshop assists professionals working in schools to have greater awareness and understanding of gender and sexual diversity. We will also discuss the impacts of homophobia, biphobia, transphobia on the school environment.

Gain tools and strategies to create safe and supportive environments for your LGBTQ2S+ students and staff.

All teachers, educational assistants, parents, administrators and guidance counsellors are encouraged to attend.

ASCA Loses Funding for Parent Advocacy

Alberta School Council's Association (ASCA), the provincial body representing school councils, has seen almost all of its funding disappear over the past year, threatening its critical advocacy in supporting parent voices.

Executives with the ASCA which supports more than 1,500 school councils and more than 50,000 volunteer parents, say their group has seen its funding go from \$650,000 in 2020 to nearly zero this spring.

Read more about the funding cuts and the impacts to ASCA, school councils and parent voices in the [Calgary Herald](#).

Apply for Environmental Education and Green Space Grants

Apply for funding through TD Friends of the Environment for environmental education and green space programs! Grants up to \$8,000 available. **Deadline is July 15, 2022.**

[Learn more and apply](#)