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## Proposed Education Act

As you may know, the Alberta Government is revising the *School Act* – the provincial legislation that governs our school system and all school systems in Alberta. The proposed legislation is called the Education Act.

The CBE is grateful to have been part of Alberta Education's comprehensive engagement process.

We have provided input to the Minister of Education that outlines the specific impacts to the CBE. You can read our letter and chart on our website [cbe.ab.ca/trustees](http://cbe.ab.ca/trustees).

## Budget Time

The CBE is developing its budget for the 2012-13 school year. Developing our budget is a complex process that includes several steps. One of those steps is the Resource Allocation Method (RAM) being sent out to school principals. Principals are responsible for developing the budget for their schools. They will be consulting with their school communities including parents and staff about how the funding they receive will be used to support the learning needs of the students in their schools.

On March 20, the Board of Trustees received the Budget Assumptions Report.  
[cbe.ab.ca/Trustees/agendas/a12Mar20.pdf](http://cbe.ab.ca/Trustees/agendas/a12Mar20.pdf)

The final budget is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 29.

## Community Engagement

We want to talk with you. The Board of Trustees and CBE Administration will be holding meetings with parents and other stakeholders to discuss the expectations that you have for students and for public education. Your expectations translate into our "Results," which guide the work of the Calgary Board

of Education. The Results are what we expect for each and every student in each and every school.

The meeting agenda structure will be:

- **Education topic presentation by Administration:** Presentation will be provided on a topic of *importance to parents*.
- **General discussion facilitated by Administration:** Interactive discussion and question and answer period will be hosted by the local school principal, area director, or trustee.
- **Discussion about Results and governance with a question & answer period lead by two trustees**

The meetings will be less than three-hours long and will be held at various schools throughout the city. We will post dates and locations on [cbe.ab.ca/trustees](http://cbe.ab.ca/trustees).

## Thank you to our volunteers

National Volunteer Week, April 15-21 is a perfect opportunity for us to extend our most sincere thanks. Thank you to all of the volunteers including parents, grandparents, guardians and community members, for dedicating your time to supporting students and learning. Your effort and goodwill is an important part of public education. On behalf of all of our schools, teachers, support staff and students, thank you!

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