**Subject:** COSC Followup: April 7, 2021

Good morning COSC members,

Below is followup information from the COSC meeting on April 7, 2021.

**MAIN AGENDA ITEMS:**

* ASCA Conference and AGM
* Draft curriculum update
* COVID-19 update
* [Inclusive Education and specialize programming within EIPS](http://www.eips.ca/download/337938)

**ASCA CONFERENCE AND AGM**  
The 2021 ASCA Conference and Annual General Meeting takes place on April 23-25. If you decided not to register for the 2021 ASCA Conference and AGM, you can still vote on the Advocacy Resolutions and the board executives for the upcoming year by filling out a Proxy Voting Form. The form gives permission for another EIPS COSC member, who is taking part in the AGM, to vote on your behalf. The deadline to submit a Proxy Voting Form is April 16.  [Learn more](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference)**│** [Proposed Advocacy Resolutions](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/173828)  **│** [Proxy Vote Form](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/173979)  ½ [Credential Voting Form](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/173978)  ½  [ASCA Board Election Information](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/board-election-information)

**EIPS COSC members attending this year’s AGM are:**

* Karry Biri, Westboro Elementary
* Lesley Bowman, Pine Street Elementary
* Aileen Bozic, Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary
* April Childs, Lakeland Ridge
* Dulcie Jarvin, Salisbury Composite High
* Melissa Presse, Davidson Creek Elementary
* Michelle Uytterhagen, Fultonvale Elementary Junior High
* Sarah Witholt, Heritage Hills Elementary

*NOTE:* To connect with the appropriate individual contact [Communication Services](mailto:corrie.fletcher@eips.ca?subject=Proxy%20Voting).

**SUPPORTING STUDENTS DURING CHALLENGING TIMES**

Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary’s hosting a virtual presentation entitled, Keeping Them Safe While Helping Them Grow, on April 21. Presented by Alex Russell, a nationally renowned psychologist and public speaker, the session will offer helpful tips and strategies to support children and their emotional growth during challenging times. The presentation is free and open to all EIPS families. [Learn more](https://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/post/sca-secondary-hosts-virtual-presentation-for-parents-to-support-students-during-challenging-times)

**Event Details:**

*When:* April 21, 2021

*Time:* 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Location:* [Join the Meeting Virtually](https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed) – hosted on Microsoft Teams

*Cost:* Free

**CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: April**

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students’ mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more. [Learn more](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WKz0T78Ov0EU9384CniO1czp2xinyrBg/view?usp=sharing)

***SAFFRON CYBER SECOND*: April issue**

The latest issue of the *Saffron Cyber Second* is now available. Read it to learn tips, tools and strategies aimed at helping children develop skills for healthy and safe online experiences. [*Saffron Cyber Second April 2021*](http://www.eips.ca/download/337834)

**DRAFT CURRICULUM UPDATE**

Superintendent Mark Liguori presented a brief update on the draft K-6 curriculum. Currently, the Board and Division are reviewing the draft K-6 curriculum and collecting input from groups of teachers to provide to the province. It's also developing a Division-level plan to ensure teachers are prepared for implementation in 2022-23. EIPS will also review the outcome of the classroom validation process, and the updates made because of the feedback from Albertans collected, before it implements the revised K-6 curriculum.

In the meantime, Superintendent Liguori recommends all school families review the [Draft K-6 Curriculum](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en) and offer their input by completing the province’s [Draft K-6 Curriculum: Public Feedback Survey](https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6/s?s=public2021EN). Two documents to read to help better understand the draft curriculum document and answer the province’s survey questions include:

* [The guiding framework for the design and development of kindergarten to grade 12 provincial curriculum](https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/f3fb3059-fdec-4c62-89b7-a34eb9d33c3c/resource/0a51ffa3-76bf-4f8b-a31c-7481eb2fba5c/download/edc-guiding-framework-curriculum-development-2020.pdf)
* [Alberta Education: Curriculum Overview](https://education.alberta.ca/media/3115408/competencies-overview-may-17.pdf)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES**

April 18-24: Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 24: Administrative Professional Day

May 5: early dismissal

May 7: Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)

Additional information from the April COSC meeting is available at [*www.eips.ca*](https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes). The next meeting takes place on May 5, 2021.