



June 14, 2017

St-Isidore, AB

Budget provisoire 2017-2018

The 2017-2018 preliminary budget was adopted with an anticipated deficit of \$348 374. The budget is based on decreased enrolment for 2017-2018. Concerned by the important deficit in school transportation, the School Board continues its discussions with the Government of Alberta.

2017-2018 School Fees - Bill 1

The CSNO's 2017-2018 School Fees Schedule will be submitted to Alberta Education on June 30th. Because of the deadline requirements in regards to Bill 1, the 2017-2018 school fees will be communicated to parents before next school year.

Transportation : The School Board will submit to the Minister of Education a request to establish new transportation fees in 2017-2018 for the busing of students (grades 4 to 12) residing less than 2.4 km from the school and students (kindergarten to grade 3) residing less than 1.6 km from the school. If approved, these transport fees would be \$ 35 per month per student.

Please see attached Annex for a few messages from the Government of Alberta regarding Bill 1: a law to reduce school fees.

Accountability Pillar May 2017

The CSNO was pleased with the overall May 2017 Accountability Pillar Results Report which showed "Very High" and "High" results in 5 of the 7 areas assessed in January 2017:

- ❖ Safe and Caring Schools
- ❖ Program of Study
- ❖ Work Préparatoir
- ❖ Citizenship
- ❖ Parent Involvement

Principal at École des Quatre-Vents

Monsieur Dominique Jean was appointed principal at ÉQV for 2017-2018. The Board welcomes Mr. Jean to the management team and wishes him good luck in his new duties.

School Nutrition Program

The School Nutrition Program for 2017-2018 has been set in motion. The administration, in collaboration with principals, chose the École Nouvelle Frontière (ENF) in Grande Prairie to implement the project which will include a free daily lunch for K-6 students. Several steps will be taken in the coming weeks in order to ensure the implementation of the program for September 2017. This project, which involves parents and community partners will have a positive impact for students and the entire school community.

Details regarding the project will be communicated to the ÉNF parents shortly.

CÉFFA

The Chair congratulated Mrs. Brigitte Kropielnicki, CSNO Superintendent, who was elected President of the CÉFFA on June 8.

2017 CSNO Bursary

The 2017 CSNO Bursary (\$800) was presented to Cloé Maisonneuve, École Héritage graduate, at the graduation celebration on June 3 in Falher.

The CSNO Bursary aims to recognize a grade 12 student, in one of the CSNO's schools, for his or her superior academic results, contribution to school life / francophone community and who is pursuing post-secondary education.

The CSNO will submit the 2017 Bursary recipient, Cloé Maisonneuve, for the national Paul-Charbonneau Bursary (Fondation Eduquer en Français).

Communications et marketing 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 Communications and Marketing Report was received.



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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CSNO Orientation Day 2017-2018

The 2017 CSNO orientation day for all staff members and Trustees will be held August 31st, in St-Isidore. Please note, schools and central office will be closed on this day.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 27 Last Day, Grade 1 to 9 - CSNO
- June 29 Last Day, Grade 10 to 12 - CSNO
- June 30 Last Day, Teachers/support staff
- 2017-2018**
- Aug. 22 Schools opens
- Aug. 29 School Staff begins
- Sept. 5 First Day for Grade 1 to 12

INVITATION

The public is invited to attend regular Board meetings. Items may be added to the agenda by contacting Rachelle Bergeron, Corporate Secretary at 780-624-8855 or 1-866-624-8855. *NB - Please note that Board meetings are held in French.*

The next Board meeting will be held
September 7th, 2017 at 11 a.m.
Central Office (St-Isidore)

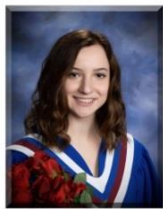
Please visit www.csno.ab.ca
for information regarding
2017 School Trustee Elections.

2017-2018 School Calendars & Registration Forms are available at csno.ab.ca

Congratulations to our 2017 GRADS !



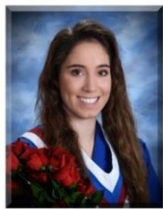
Alexis
Brulotte



Justine
Dubrèle



Julianna
Gosselin



Kayla
Guèrette



Colleen
Jacob



Simon
Jean



École
Héritage

Finissants 2017

Si tu ne sais pas où tu vas, souviens-toi d'où tu viens.



Kelsey
Krahn



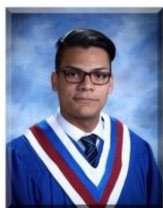
Nicolas
Lavoie



Cloë
Maisonneuve



Olivier
Roy



David
Sanchez



David
Therriault

V. Amos

The
School
Board
wishes
everyone a
great
summer!



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ANNEXE – Key Messages

Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees

- Through this legislation, the government is eliminating fees for specific instructional supplies and materials, as well as transportation fees for students who live 2.4 kilometres or more away from their designated school.
- Together, these fees represent more than \$50 million, or approximately 25 per cent of the fees collected by school boards on an annual basis.
- Alberta Education is working with various education stakeholders—including school boards and school councils—to ensure Alberta families benefit from these reductions for the 2017/18 school year.

What fees can continue to be charged?

- For at least the 2017/18 school year, fees other than those listed above are not being eliminated.
- Therefore, school boards will be able to continue charging such fees, if they so choose.
- In some circumstances, transportation fees may still be incurred. Such situations include the following:
 - If a student resides less than 2.4 kilometres from their designated school.
 - If parents choose to enrol their child in a school other than their designated school. This includes students attending “schools of choice,” such as alternative programs (i.e., sports academies, immersion programs.)
 - If the parent or student requests enhanced or optional service, such as pick-up or drop off from a secondary location or, in rural routes, yard service.
- To ensure other fees are not being increased excessively, any fees increasing by more than five per cent over the previous year will need to be approved by the Minister of Education. The only fees exempt from this requirement are fees for field trips and international travel.
- The regulations will provide Minister with the authority to further regulate other fees in the future.

Transportation fees for eligible students:

Through the new School Transportation Regulation, fees are being eliminated for the following students:

- Those who reside 2.4 kilometres or more from the designated school they attend for regular or special education programming;
- Those who have a disability, or disabilities, that prohibit them from using regular transportation services;
- Those who attend a different school, at their school board’s direction, because their neighbourhood school is full; and
- Noon-hour transportation fees for children attending an Early Childhood Services program, such as kindergarten.

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Other school fees (i.e. lunch supervision, technology fees, etc.):

Beyond 2017/18, the government will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the new school fees regulation, and will consider amendments to address other fees for future school years.

The government will continue to work with various stakeholders, including school boards and parents, throughout the process.

As a result of these reductions, should students/parents expect to see reductions to educational programs?

- No. For the 2017/18 school year, school boards are being provided with funding to help offset revenue that will be lost as a result of Bill 1.
- This offsetting funding will help ensure that 2017/18 programming is, at minimum, maintained at previous levels.
- Decisions are forthcoming for school fee-related funding beyond 2017/18. That being said, the government is committed to working with school boards to ensure programming is maintained on a go-forward basis.