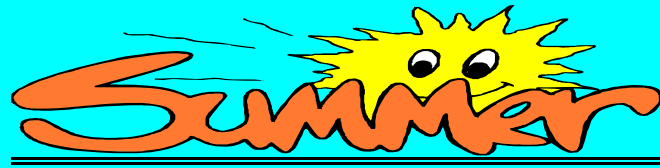


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Chairperson's Message

As this school year draws to a close I find myself reflecting on the past two months I have been in the position of Chairperson for Staff Association. I came into the office starting April 25th and the whirlwind started. The budget deficit became a reality with the RAM decisions at schools and cuts in service areas. I look at the loss of hours, loss of positions, loss of colleagues and friends, the work that we know is still there next year with less people and time to do it, the impact on students, and on others across the system and I feel sad. I also feel challenged to find ways to make sure your voices are heard, remembered, and respected.

I have talked and met with many of you over the past two months and there is one thing I know for sure. We need to find a way to address the continuing erosion of our hours and elimination of our positions. We as support staff bring much to the students of CBE. We contribute daily to their education in positive ways. We are an essential piece of their success. We can all feel proud of the work we have done with students, and for students no matter what your position may be.

For those of you moving on, we will miss you and we feel sad in our hearts at losing you as colleagues. We need to stand together and support each other through these hard times and be mindful of the feelings of others who are struggling with change.

I am always amazed at the resilience of support staff. I know we will continue to find our voice, and continue to support students through the work that we do. The Calgary Board of Education is like a big puzzle, there are many pieces to that puzzle, all the pieces are essential or the puzzle is not complete.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of Staff Association I wish you a restful summer, full of sunshine, fun, family, and friends. We will see you in the fall.

Lois Robb

Goodbye to Jean Minifie, Past Chairperson of Staff Association

This is a year of many goodbyes for Staff Association. Our Past Chairperson, Jean Minifie has decided to retire as of August 30th, 2011. Jean has given 18 years serving as Chairperson of Staff Association. She worked tirelessly to make positive change. We are sad to see her leave but at the same time happy that she will be able to take some time for herself.

It is Jean's wish not to have a retirement celebration. If you would like to send cards, etc. to the Staff Association Office for Jean we will make sure everything is passed on to her.

Staff Association Summer Hours

With summer being prime time for everyone to use their earned vacation time, we request that you phone ahead to book an appointment should you need to visit the Staff Association Office to ensure that someone will be available to assist you with your questions.

Please note that Staff Association will be closed Friday's throughout the summer, and we will also be closed from July 11th to the 24th.

Applying for Employment Insurance

Records of Employment (ROE) for all 10-month support staff will be submitted to Service Canada electronically on your behalf by July 11th, 2011.

For 10-month employees who will be applying for Employment Insurance (EI), here are some tips for completing your application:

- To access the EI application, visit the main Service Canada website at www.servicecanada.gc.ca. The contact number is 1-800-206-7218.
- During the application process you will be asked if you are part of a group layoff. Indicate 'yes' and provide the following reference code **4812-01-2011-111111**.
- "Return to work date" is a mandatory field. If you have not been provided with a date, indicate **October 31st, 2011**.

If you have any questions, please call the Employee Contact Centre at 1-877-353-2555 or e-mail cbe.clientservicescentre@telus.com.

Lay-off and Re-call



If you are awaiting a call from the Recruitment Team through the summer regarding employment opportunities, please ensure that your contact information submitted to the Team is accurate so that they will be able to reach you.

Support Staffing Fax: 1-866-465-8547

E-mail: CBESupportStaffing@telus.com

If you have a question for Staff Association that you would like to have answered in our next FYI, please submit your question to Dawn Scott via e-mail at dascott@staffassociation.ca. Please reference "FYI Question" on the subject line.



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