



# BSEC

Boyle Street Education Centre  
*Celebrating 20 years*

January 30, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our first semester has been a very busy one at our school. I wanted to update you on what has happened so far at school this year as well as send you information. Enclosed with this letter are two important documents:

- Your child's report card from semester 1 (if under 18). Due to changes in Alberta Ed and to our Powerschool system which tracks student attendance and course completions, if your child has not completed a class we cannot show that the class is in progress with an interim mark. We have to put 0 for the grade and put their interim mark in the comments.
- A survey that you would fill out with your evaluation of our school. We are also sending along an envelope so that once you have completed the survey you could put it in the sealed envelope and your child could deliver it back to the school. We will compile these envelopes and give them to our Alberta Education liaison person.

The parents and guardians of our students are our first resource in encouraging our youth with their school plans. We appreciate the support that you give them daily to come to school and complete their classes. We work hard to keep them engaged while they are here and to reach out to them if they are unable to come.

Along with the classes that we offer every day, we also have many special events that happen throughout the school year. This information is also available on our website at [www.bsec.ab.ca](http://www.bsec.ab.ca). Some of these are:

- Cultural events – pipe ceremonies, sweat lodges, morning prayers, sharing circles and events promoting awareness around the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Open houses – we have had two – one in September and one at our Christmas dinner
- Student council members have attended a Leadership Camp (the first that we have offered)
- Animal Assisted therapy – we have a dog who comes to school to add friendliness to the day
- Nov/Jan – Diploma exams
- Emergency drills – we are making sure that our students have a plan and follow it during any emergency
- Memorial events – we acknowledge and support our students regarding the losses in their lives. We have had two of these events – one in the fall and one in the winter
- FASD research and sharing – we continue to share our learnings around working with students who have FASD and the ways we have to keep them engaged in our school
- Our staff support the governments work in reviewing different policies such as the Children's Advocate review panel and committees on high school completion.

We look forward to our new semester starting on Feb 6 and the many special events to come. These include Student Wellness events, the Inspire Conference in Ottawa and our GoldEye Camp. We are having a big celebration to honour our 20 years of operation on June 2/3 2017. If you have any questions about our school you are more than welcome to drop in and say hello or give us a call.

Mavis Averill, Principal