

## Spring 2020 news & updates

### Year In Review

EPBC released the first 'Year In Review' publication to highlight the work that has been done with the sector and the public in 2019. Digital version is available on our website.

### Governance Structure

As part of the ongoing move toward a not-for-profit society and in response to current governance requirements, EPBC realigned its committee structure to a model much closer to its final Board structure, while ensuring that sector engagement continues across all levels. The Steering Committee will now benefit from the support of three committees: a Nominations Committee, an Executive Committee and a Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. The Executive Director will have support from a Functional Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee.



## Transcript Updates



### Stats

MOE has sent almost 130,000 transcripts to 5 PSIs between Jan 2019 and March 2020.

For any questions regarding Transcript updates, please contact Cathy van Soest, [cathy.vansoest@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:cathy.vansoest@educationplannerbc.ca).

### XML High School Transcripts

Work continues on the XML high school transcripts onboarding. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has extended the deadline from November 2019 to April 2020 for PSIs to onboard for the current academic year. This extension accommodated additional testing of EPBC XML software module updates within Banner and Colleague institutions' SIS as well as a new testing process with MOE. The software updates will enable institutions to use student data more effectively within their systems. As of April 2020, KPU, COTR, CMTN, CNC, Camosun, ECUAD, NIC, NVIT, JIBC and NLC have successfully onboarded.

### XML Post-Secondary Transcripts

EPBC is working with PSIs to move to an updated standard for transcript exchange that takes advantage of additional data fields. All exchange institutions will be moving to PESC College Transcript Standard version 1.8 and work needed on SIS software to accommodate this change will be starting in Spring, with expected launch in Summer 2020.

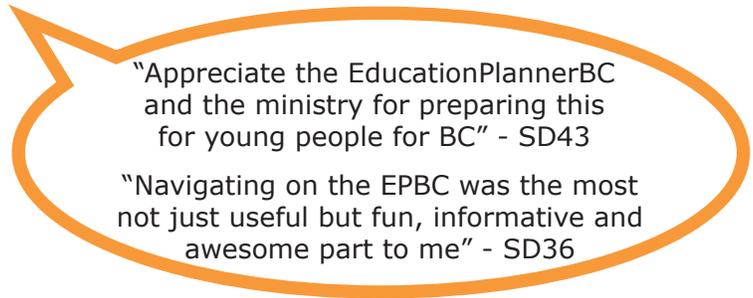
# Engagement Updates

## Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC) Workshops

EPBC successfully launched the PECC workshops in October 2019 and has now presented in 14 school districts with close to 2000 parents in attendance. Feedback received has been very positive.

## CLE/CLC Class Presentations

EPBC has been presenting to students across the province through collaboration with teachers and counsellors for the new CLE/CLC curriculum. The team presented to over 1200 grade 10, 11 and 12 students across the province since November 2019.



"Appreciate the EducationPlannerBC and the ministry for preparing this for young people for BC" - SD43

"Navigating on the EPBC was the most not just useful but fun, informative and awesome part to me" - SD36

## COVID-19 Engagement Response

EPBC is committed to the continuation of engagement efforts across the province during this pandemic by looking at alternative delivery methods. The team is currently working on various initiatives to bring presentations online and to develop new ways to effectively engage with and support students, parents and teachers digitally.

# Application Updates



## Enhancements and Fixes

- Eigen Security updates completed January 27, 2020
- Changed biographical data formatting from ALL CAPS to CamelCase
- Fixed the conditional info email requirement
- Added error code to high school requirements
- Made postal code required in Contact Information
- Fixed the sorting issue in Program Manager - Programs and Offerings
- Updated First Name field to allow for spaces
- Fixed the verification on emergency emails

For any questions regarding Application updates, please contact Stacey Schoffer, [stacey.schoffer@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:stacey.schoffer@educationplannerbc.ca).

## Application Summary

EPBC launched an application summary PDF that is saved to applicants' EPBC account for future reference. A sample PDF is available on our Wiki.

## Reference Number

EPBC has now converted all uses of 'Application Number' to 'Reference Number' in application correspondence, web page reference and other EPBC materials. This will reduce the confusion between the EPBC reference number and the PSI application number.

## Master Institution List (MIL) Updates

EPBC established a working group, with PSI representatives, to collect input on new data sources and standards for the creation of the MIL, obtain sector-wide feedback on implementation and sustainment processes, and ensure PSI needs are supported prior to and after the cutover. Further details on the project, including scope and timelines, will be communicated to all onboarded or currently onboarding PSIs at the beginning of April.

## Program Manager and Form Tools

EPBC is working on a fix for saving edits on the Application page. If you are experiencing any issues, please contact [applicationsupport@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:applicationsupport@educationplannerbc.ca) for assistance.