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Edmonton Catholic Schools Achievement Results Continue to Climb

Today at a special meeting, the Edmonton Catholic Board of Trustees released the 2003 Provincial Achievement Test Results and 2003 Diploma Exam Results for Edmonton Catholic Schools.

In 2003, the percentage of students meeting the **Provincial Achievement Test Results** standards **improved in 23 out of 24 areas, improving in over 95 percent** of the standards.

“We felt very strongly that 2002 was an excellent year. The 2003 results show that we continue to surpass the province with outstanding results,” said Charlie Koester, Board Chair.

“We continue to build on our strong history in Mathematics. In the **past year**, Edmonton Catholic students have exceeded **all** provincial standards in **Math at all grades**,” Koester added.

For the **past five years**, Edmonton Catholic students have met or exceeded the province in respect to:

- Grade 3 Math – Standard of Excellence
- Grade 6 Math – Standard of Excellence
- Grade 9 Math – Acceptable Standard
- Grade 9 Math – Standard of Excellence

In the **past year** our students have met or exceeded the province in these new areas: Standard of Excellence: Grade 6 Science and Grade 9 Science (Form A); Acceptable Standard: Grade 3 English Language Arts and Math and Grade 9 Science (Form B) and Social Studies.

By encouraging all students to write the Provincial Achievement Tests our district far exceeded the provincial participation rate.

More than **90 percent of students** writing **Diploma Exams** achieved the Acceptable Standard in their Final Course Marks. This means that students achieved at least **5 percent higher than the provincial goal**, which is 85 percent.

More than 23 percent of our students achieved the Standard of Excellence in their Final Course Marks in the following six subject areas: English 30, Chemistry 30, Social Studies 30, Biology 30, Pure Math 30 and Physics 30. This is **eight percent higher** than the provincial goal.

“We are extremely pleased with these results. We also recognize that the success of our students is a result of the high quality of teaching that is taking place in our classrooms, the instructional leadership of our principals, and the support our students receive from their parents,” said Dr. Dale Ripley, Superintendent for Edmonton Catholic Schools. “We thank our teachers, principals, all of our staff and the parents for inspiring our students to achieve,” Ripley went on to say.

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(Additional information is attached)

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