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## News Release

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### **English Program will Relocate this September**

Tonight Edmonton Catholic School Board Trustees approved the relocation of the English Program (K – 6) at Father Leo Green Elementary School to St. Dominic Elementary.

The decision came at a special public Board meeting and followed a lengthy consultation process which began January 12, 2004.

“This was a difficult decision for Trustees,” said Charlie Koester, Board of Trustees Chairperson. “But with the continued decline in the English program enrolment there just wasn’t another option,” Koester went on to say.

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, there were 104 students in the English program at Father Leo Green and only 80 students projected to be in the English program next year. Father Leo Green has 236 students in their French Immersion program and this program will remain open.

Each year a review is completed of all schools in the district in an effort to continue providing the best educational opportunities for all students and ensure the continued viability of all schools. The City of Edmonton growth projections and neighborhood development plans were taken into consideration and determined a continued decline in the English program at Father Leo Green.

Students in the English program will relocate to St. Dominic Elementary School for September and transportation will be provided at no cost for these students for the next three years. A Transition Team consisting of school administrators, secretaries and representatives of the staffs and school councils of Father Leo Green and St. Dominic Schools as well as district staff will provide support to parents, staff and students during this relocation.

Superintendent Dr. Dale Ripley acknowledged that the decision to relocate the English program will mean an adjustment for some residents in the Father Leo Green school community. “Change is always difficult so we have a number of plans in place to ensure a smooth transition for children of Father Leo Green’s English Program as they relocate to St. Dominic Elementary.”

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