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Survey Gives Edmonton Catholic School District a Top Grade

The results of an annual district survey show an increase in the percentage of parents satisfied with the education their child is receiving in Edmonton Catholic Schools. The 2003/2004 survey indicates that 93 percent of parents are satisfied with the quality of education their child receives which is up from 92 percent in the 2002/2003 survey.

The surveys are sent out to parents and students each March and 2004 is the second year that a satisfaction survey has been distributed to staff.

“There are two reasons why the results of the District Satisfaction Survey are important,” said Charlie Koester, Board of Trustees Chairperson. “The first reason is that it shows us the results of our efforts as a district, but the second, and most important reason, is that it shows us the areas where we need to improve,” Koester went on to say. “This feedback is invaluable.”

Other highlights of the survey include:

Parents

- 97 percent of parents are satisfied with the Catholic Christian atmosphere of the school
- 89 percent of parents are satisfied with their child’s access to technology in the school - an increase of 2 percent from last year.

Students

- 96 percent of students in Grades 4 to 6 feel their classroom prayers are important to them
- 97 percent of students in Grades 4 to 6, a total of 88 percent of students in Grades 7 to 9 and 89 percent of students in Grades 10 to 12 feel safe in their school building.

Staff

- Over 98 percent of staff feel their school/site embraced faith and learning
- 98 percent of staff believe their school has student achievement as its primary focus
- Over 94 percent of staff say that the Edmonton Catholic School District is a good place to work.

In addition, over 99 percent of students in Grades 4 to 6, 95 percent of students in Grades 7 to 9 and 96 percent of students in Grades 10 to 12 felt they showed respect for others in their school. More information from the survey is attached.

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