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## News Release

### **Edmonton Catholic Schools to surpass Alberta Learning class size targets**

The Edmonton Catholic School District hopes to meet Alberta Learning's class size reduction targets for 2005-2006 in the 2004-2005 school year. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Alberta Learning gave school districts in the province additional funding to hire teachers and reduce class sizes within three years.

The 2004-2005 Alberta Learning class size targets that Edmonton Catholic will surpass this school year are as follows:

Kindergarten to Grade 3	20 students
Grades 4 to 6	25 students
Grades 7 to 9	27 students
Grades 10 to 12	29 students

Edmonton Catholic School District had the lowest class sizes overall of any metro school board in the province last year (2003-2004) with the following class sizes:

Kindergarten to Grade 3	22 students
Grades 4 to 6	25 students
Grades 7 to 9	26 students
Grades 10 to 12	26.9 students

Edmonton Catholic received 4.9 million dollars in Alberta Learning's July announcement and has hired 62 teachers of approximately 70 new teachers with the funding. The 62 teachers will be placed in elementary schools throughout Edmonton. Additional teachers for Junior and Senior High will be hired in the next two weeks.

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