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Continued Success for Edmonton Catholic Students

A special Board meeting was held this morning to release the 2005 Provincial Achievement Test Results and 2005 Diploma Exam Results for Edmonton Catholic Schools.

In the 2005 **Provincial Achievement Tests**, Edmonton Catholic students have exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the Acceptable Standard in **ALL** subjects. As well, students in our district also exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Standard of Excellence** in 8 out of 12 subjects.

The Edmonton Catholic School District exceeded the provincial participation rate in **100 percent of the tests** administered, which reflects the district's commitment that all students are encouraged to write the Provincial Achievement Tests.

"We must first acknowledge the very hard work of all students who continue to achieve at such a high level," said Debbie Cavaliere, Board of Trustees Chairperson. "And it is also important to recognize all parents who help their children achieve as well as the classroom teachers at all grade levels who work tirelessly with our students every day and help students succeed," Cavaliere went on to say.

The 2005 **Diploma Exam Results** show that in all subjects at least 89% of our students achieved the acceptable standard in their final course marks. This is an increase from 85% in the 2004 Diploma Exam Results. Our students **exceeded the province** in the Standard of Excellence in three subjects, English Language Arts 30-1, Social Studies 33 and Pure Mathematics 30.

Edmonton Catholic students have **exceeded** the provincial average diploma marks for **the past five years** in both social studies 30 (Standard of Excellence) and social studies 33 (Acceptable Standard). In addition, our students have **met or exceeded** the provincial average in seven subjects for **school-awarded marks**.

"I want to recognize and compliment the work of our staff in helping our students achieve such high levels of academic excellence. These kinds of results only happen when you have outstanding leadership from our principals and high quality instruction going on in our classrooms by our teachers," said Dr. Dale Ripley, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools.

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