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## Continued Success for Edmonton Catholic Students

At a special public Board meeting this morning, the 2007 Provincial Achievement Test results and the 2007 Diploma Examination results were released for Edmonton Catholic Schools.

### ***Provincial Achievement Tests*** ([click here for highlights](#))

Grade 3, 6 and 9 Edmonton Catholic students writing the Provincial Achievement Tests exceeded the province in 22 out of 24 standards. The percentage of students achieving the acceptable standard and standard of excellence in Edmonton Catholic Schools exceeded the province in all grades and all subject areas except Grade 6 French Language Arts. The 2007 results show our District has also exceeded the province in 16 out of 24 standards in each of the past five years.

As well, Edmonton Catholic students in Grades 3 and 6 had a higher participation rate in all subject areas than did the province and Grade 9 students had a higher participation rate than did the province in English Language Arts and Social Studies. This shows the District's continued commitment to encouraging all students to write the Provincial Achievement Tests.

"These results are exciting, as they reflect the hard work that takes place every day in classrooms throughout our District," said Debbie Engel, Board Chairperson. "The 2007 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examination Results reflect the past success of students in our District and the on-going commitment of students to achieve at a higher level," added Engel.

### ***Diploma Examination Results*** ([click here for highlights](#))

The 2007 Diploma Examination results show students in Edmonton Catholic Schools continue to exceed the province in English Language Arts and Social Studies diploma courses. As well, in comparison to the province, the 2007 Diploma Examination results show stronger outcomes in 16 out of 22 standards as compared to last year.

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In each of the past four years, Edmonton Catholic Schools has met or exceeded the province in four subjects for School Awarded Results, six subjects for Diploma Examination Results and five subjects for the Final Course Results.

"It is our belief that students are successful when they are surrounded by the supports they need," said Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools. "We want to thank students for their hard work, their parents for inspiring their children to achieve, and our staff for their continued dedication to our students," Carr went on to say.