



Satisfaction Rates Remain Strong in Latest Survey Results

Staff satisfaction with leadership in the Edmonton Catholic School District is at its highest level since the creation of the staff survey in the 2002/03 school year. Over 97% of staff were satisfied with the Superintendent's leadership, while over 94% are satisfied with the Trustees' leadership. These are two of many increases in the 2008/09 District Satisfaction Survey results.

Over half of the 2008/09 themes were at their highest level in the last five years and almost three-quarters of the 2008/09 themes met or increased from the 2007/08 survey. Here are some areas of growth:

- **School Safety:** Over 95% of parents (an increase of 1.4%), over 93% of students (an increase of 0.7%), and 98% of staff were satisfied that their school or site provided a safe environment.
- **School Learning Environment:** 97.2% of staff (an increase of 3.1%), close to 96% of parents (an increase of 1.6%) and 86% of students (an increase of 1.1%) were satisfied that their school provided a good learning environment.
- **Catholicity:** Almost 98% of parents (an increase of .2%), over 92% of students (an increase of 1.5%) and over 98% of staff (an increase of .2%) felt that their school or site embraced faith and learning and celebrated its Catholic identity in a number of ways.

"We take the survey results very seriously and the 2008/09 survey shows some new areas of growth that we are extremely pleased with," said Debbie Engel, Board Chairperson.

In addition, the survey indicates an increase with the percentage of staff satisfied that the District was a good place to work; from 96.6% in 2007/08 to 98.1% in 2008/09. Student satisfaction rates also increased and 100% of high school student (Grades 10 to 12) satisfaction/agreement rates met or increased in all 35 questions when compared with the 2008/09 survey.

"The survey results help us to plan for the future so these results are crucial to our continued priority of providing a quality Catholic education," said Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools, "I am particularly pleased to see an increase in the percentage of parents, students and staff who feel the schools and sites are embracing the Catholic faith every day," Carr went on to say.

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