



Board of Trustees

MESSENGER

~ Notable News from the Board ~

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined”

Isaiah 9:2

The Board of Trustees held its second meeting of the month on Tuesday, November 28, our last meeting before the Advent season.

Audited Financial Statements & Updated District Budget

The Board approved the release of the [Audited Financial Statements](#) for the year ended August 31, 2017. This update is provided to Alberta Education each fall.

In addition, Trustees received an update on the District Budget. The budget has been adjusted to reflect actual student enrolment. The net result of the changes is a continuation of the balanced budget for 2017-18 with total expenses of \$506.1 million.

A Year in Review: 2016-2017 Annual Education Report Results (AERR) and Three-Year Education Plan 2017-2020

The AERR and Three-Year Strategic Education Plan were presented to the Board of Trustees at Tuesday’s meeting. The results of the combined report highlight that the past year was one of many accomplishments within the Edmonton Catholic School District. These achievements include the following:

- All elementary teachers received training to support implementation of the Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS), which is a social emotional learning program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6.
- We are proud that our three-year high school completion rate is up this year to 84.5%, more than 6% higher than the provincial average.
- The Accountability Pillar for this year is the best result from the province that we have had in the past five years.

In addition, our District continues to grow with the opening of five new schools this past September and the re-opening of St. Margaret School, which is a Centre for Diverse Learning, bringing our total number of schools to 96 and the number of children served to over 42,500.

Trustees also accepted the official results of the Provincial Achievement Test (PATs) and Diploma Examination results. ECSD’s Grade 6 and 9 PAT results show that we are exceeding the Province in 12 out of the 14 standards. Our Diploma Exam results show consistent, exceptional performance across the years in many subject areas.



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With high student achievement, as reflected in both these achievement tests, and stellar results from the Accountability Pillar, we were offered a glimpse of a bright future for our District. The results of these reports show a deep commitment by the ECSD staff in providing an excellent Catholic educational experience to our students and families. The Board thanks all staff for their hard work and dedication!

[Click here](#) to view the 2016-2017 Annual Education Report Results and the Three-Year Education Plan 2017-2020 in its entirety.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on December 12, 2017.

This edition of The Messenger is from the November 28, 2017 meeting.

The Messenger: Notable News from the Board is published following the public Board meeting and is an opportunity for the ECSD Board of Trustees to communicate the accomplishments and pay tribute to the wonderful initiatives that our District undertakes.

If you would like to view the latest Board meeting, here is a link to the webcast:

https://www.ecsd.net/BoardofTrustees/Reports-and-Resources/public_board_meeting/Pages/Default.aspx

