

## **Excellent May Accountability Pillar Results**

The May 2019 Accountability Pillar was released to school divisions and the results for the Edmonton Catholic School Division are excellent. Alberta Education releases the Accountability Pillar each May and October and it is a 'report card' from the province on the achievements of school divisions in Alberta.

The high school completion rate for Edmonton Catholic Schools has increased again and is now at <u>87.9% for the 3-year completion rate</u>. Our rate is above the provincial 3-year rate of 79.1%. Our <u>5-year high school completion rate</u> is even higher at 90% while the province is at 84.8% for the 5-year rate. The Division's dropout rate\* of 1.2% is less than half the provincial drop-out rate of 2.6%.

Our First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) and English Language Learners (ELL) students also continue to excel. A total of 60.6% of District FNMI students complete high school which is above the provincial average of 56.6%. The 3-year high school completion rate for English Language Learners in our Division is 81.9% compared to the provincial rate of 73.7%.

"These high school completion rates reflect the dedication of teachers and Grad Coaches in supporting our students every day," said Joan Carr, Superintendent.

"We are extremely pleased with the support of parents and are proud of our students for their hard work and commitment to finish high school," said Laura Thibert, Board Chair. "High school completion remains a top priority for our Division," added Thibert.

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<sup>\*</sup>The drop-out rate is the percentage of students aged 14-18 who drop out the following year.