



Board of Trustees

# MESSENGER

~ Notable News from the Board ~

*"For now, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."  
Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

There were a number of exciting developments in the District in March, even though it was a short month with spring break.

### ECSD Named one of Alberta's Top Employers for 2017

Superintendent Carr presented the Board of Trustees with a Crystal Award recognizing the District as one of Alberta's Top 70 Employers for 2017! This is the second year in a row that Edmonton Catholic has been bestowed this prestigious designation and affirms to our staff and stakeholders that we are all #ECSDawesome!

The yearly competition takes a comprehensive look at various aspects of operations and human resources practices to determine which organizations have the most progressive and forward-thinking programs. Employers are compared to other organizations in the same industry in eight domains:

- Physical Workplace
- Work atmosphere and communications
- Financial benefits and compensation
- Health and family-friendly benefits
- Vacation and personal time off
- Employee engagement and performance
- Training and skills development
- Community involvement



### Mandatory Vaccinations

Trustees discussed the prevention and control of highly-communicable childhood diseases. Following the discussion, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to lobby government and the Alberta School Boards Association to legislate mandatory vaccinations for all students.



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### **Partnership with Edmonton Catholic Schools and Concordia University**

ECSD has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Concordia University to provide specialized supports to schools in meeting the demands of students' mental health.

To honour the official signing, the Board of Trustees welcomed special guests and members of Concordia's administration including Dr. Maureen Stratton, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Wendy Pullin, Professor of Psychology, Director, Psychology Graduate Programs Faculty of Arts, Dr. Farzad Zare-Bawani, Associate Professor of Psychology, Undergraduate Studies and Dr. Colin Neufeldt, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

This MOU will help ECSD strive to further support mental health needs within our schools.



### **Letter for Proclamation of Indigenous History Month**

As a leader in Indigenous education, the Board has approved a motion to write a letter to Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, and Minister of Indigenous Relations, Richard Feehan, to proclaim an Alberta Indigenous History Month. Further to this, the Board also approved a motion to submit a resolution to the Alberta School Boards Association to advocate for this proclamation at the 2017 Fall General Meeting.

### **2018-2019 District School Calendar**

The 2018-2019 District school calendar has been approved for the upcoming school year. In order to meet the instructional time requirements of Alberta Education, the first day of instruction will be Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and the last instructional day will be Friday, June 28, 2019. To view the full calendar, please visit:

<https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/Overview/Calendar/Pages/default.aspx>



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### **Edmonton Catholic School District 2017-2018 Modular Classroom Program**

The Board has approved the addition of a number of modular classrooms as per the provincial Modular Classroom Program, which provides funding for modular classrooms to ease enrolment pressures in schools. The Board has approved the modular classrooms as per the following table:

Requested Modular Classrooms		Approved Modular Classrooms	
1	Anne Fitzgerald	1	Anne Fitzgerald
2	Bishop Savaryn	2	Bishop Savaryn
1	Cardinal Leger	1	Cardinal Leger
1	Father Michael Troy	1	Father Michael Troy
1	Holy Family	1	Holy Family
2	John Paul I	2	John Paul I
2	Mary Hanley	2	Mary Hanley
1	Our Lady of Peace	1	Our Lady of Peace
2	St. Bernadette	1	St. Bernadette
2	St. Hilda	1	St. Hilda
2	St. John XXIII	1	St. John XXIII
3	St. Kateri	3	St. Kateri
1	St. Teresa	1	St. Teresa
2	Ben Calf Robe	0	Ben Calf Robe
1	Modular washroom unit for St. Maria Goretti	1	Modular washroom unit for St. Maria Goretti

In addition, the Board has approved the relocation of nine modular classrooms and has accepted the recommendation that eight additional classrooms be demolished.

### **Renaming of Genesis Early Learning Centre to Genesis Centre**

Genesis Early Learning Centre, located at St. Bede School (10537-44 Street), will be re-named to Genesis Centre to better reflect the pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 services the centre provides the District.

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*The Messenger: Notable News from the Board is published once a month 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:*

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