



Excellent Results for PAT and Diploma Exams in 2015/16

This afternoon the Board of Trustees held a special public board meeting to release results for the Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) and Diploma Examinations for the 2015/16 school year.

The **Provincial Achievement Test** results indicate that students in our District achieving the Acceptable Standard exceeded the provincial percentage in 13 out of 14 standards. Grade 6 students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in **ALL** subjects (100%). Grade 9 students met or exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Standard of Excellence** in **ALL** subjects (100%) and Grade 9 *Knowledge and Employability (K & E) students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in **ALL** subject areas (100%). In addition, our District continues to have higher participation rates than the province in **ALL** subject areas.

Edmonton Catholic Schools has exceeded the province in **Diploma Exam results** for at least the past five years in the **Acceptable Standard** for English Language Arts 30-1 and both standards for English Language Arts 30-2. Students writing the Diploma Exam in Math 30-2 exceeded the province for the fourth year in the **Standard of Excellence** and students in Science 30 met or exceeded the province for the third year in the **Acceptable Standard**. This year students in Physics 30 exceeded the province in both the **Acceptable Standard** and the **Standard of Excellence**. Our students also exceeded the province in the **Acceptable Standard** in Math 30-1, Math 30-2, and French Language Arts 30-1.

“The Provincial Achievement and Diploma exam results really emphasize what goes on in classrooms and the importance of providing students with the supports they need,” said Marilyn Bergstra, Board Chair. “All results will be evaluated by our administration and will be reviewed to identify any areas that require additional growth. These results would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of our staff in supporting each and every child,” Bergstra went on to say.

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The Edmonton Catholic School District 3 year High School Completion number is now 83.7% up from 81.6% the previous year and higher than the provincial 3-year rate of 76.5%. The District's 5 year rate is now 86.7% while the provincial 5 year rate is 82.1%.

“High School completion is always a top priority for our District,” said Joan Carr, Superintendent. “These high school completion rates reflect the dedication of teachers and Grad Coaches in supporting our students every day,” added Carr.

**The Knowledge and Employability program offers an alternative program of study for Grade 9 students who have difficulty in one or more subject areas.*