



### **PAT and Diploma Exam Results Continue to Climb in 2013/14**

Late this afternoon at a public Board meeting, the Board of Trustees released results for the 2013/14 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) and Diploma Examinations. The results are released in conjunction with the Accountability Pillar which is an Alberta Education report card for school districts throughout the province. The Accountability Pillar is released each May and October, with High School Completion numbers updated each May.

The October 2014 Accountability Pillar for the Edmonton Catholic School District shows the District exceeding the province in 14 out of 16 measures. The following areas improved in the PAT and Diploma Examination results:

- **PAT:** Standard of Excellence has a rating of **‘High Achievement’**
- **Diploma Exam** Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence have a rating of **‘High’**

The **Provincial Achievement Test** results show that students in Edmonton Catholic Schools achieving the **Acceptable Standard** exceeded the provincial percentage in 14 out of 14 standards or 100%. In addition, the percentage of our students achieving the **Standard of Excellence** exceeded the provincial percentage of students in 7 out of 14 standards. Students in Grade 6 and 9 and Grade 9 Knowledge and Employability\* achieved the **Acceptable Standard** in 100% of subject areas.

The PAT French Immersion results have increased considerably in the 2013/14 results. The percentage of Grade 6 French Immersion students receiving the **Acceptable Standard** increased in all subject areas (100%) from 2012/13 to 2013/14 as well as all subject areas (100%) for the **Standard of Excellence**.

“We identified areas for growth after last year’s results for Grade 6 French Immersion,” said Superintendent Joan Carr. “A strategic committee was formed and worked with teachers at all French Immersion schools throughout the year. We are very pleased with the results this year for Grade 6 French Immersion,” Carr went on to say.

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**Diploma Exam results** for 2013/14 show that Edmonton Catholic Schools has exceeded the province for the past five years in the **Acceptable Standard** for English Language Arts 30-1, English Language Arts 30-2, Social Studies 30-1 and Social Studies 30-2.

Grade 12 students writing Diploma Exams in Math 30-2 exceeded the province for the second year in both the Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence.

“Our successful results for both PATs and Diploma Exams in 2013/14 are really a testament to the dedication of our teachers, staff and students throughout the District,” said Cindy Olsen, Board Chair. “By offering students the supports they need, we help all students succeed,” Olsen added.

\*The Knowledge and Employability is an alternative program of study available for Grades 8-12.