



## Excellent Results for PAT and Diploma Exams in 2014/15

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 2014/15 school year. At the same time Alberta Education's report card for school Districts in the province were announced and High School Completion numbers for the Edmonton Catholic School District continue to rise.

The October 2015 Accountability Pillar for our District indicates that the Edmonton Catholic School District met or exceeded the province in 13 out of 16 measures. This includes our 3 year High School Completion number which is now 81.8% up from 81.2% the previous year and higher than the provincial 3-year rate of 76.4%.

"Ensuring that students complete high school is always a top priority for our District," said Joan Carr, Superintendent. "These results show the success of our teachers and Grad Coaches who work every day supporting students," Carr went on to say.

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 exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in **ALL** subjects (100%) and Grade 9 \*Knowledge and Employability (K & E) students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in 3 out of 4 subject areas. 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 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 third year in the **Standard of Excellence** and for the second year in the **Standard of Excellence** in English Language Arts 30-1 and in Science 30 in both standards. Our students also did very well in Biology 30 in the **Acceptable Standard** and French Language Arts 30-1 in the **Standard of Excellence**.

Board Chair Debbie Engel had this to say about both the Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results: "We are so proud of our students for these outstanding achievements and thank teachers, parents and guardians for the support they provide and help students succeed to the best of their ability."

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

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