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February 12, 2020 (St. Albert, Morinville, Legal) – The Board of Trustees for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

The Board of Trustees of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools has approved the transfer of the French Immersion high school program from École Secondaire Ste. Marguerite d'Youville (ESSMY) to St. Albert Catholic High School permanently, effective the 2020 – 2021 school year.

This decision followed several months of consultation with the division's stakeholders. On December 2, 2019, the Board of Trustees received the results of the Faith In Our Future Phase One Consultation. This consultation was a multi-layered public engagement process including Thoughtexchange, Open Houses, online and face-to-face surveys as well as public questions and presentations at Board meetings. In the report on results from these public engagements, there was support to explore further the high school French Immersion programming from École Secondaire Ste. Marguerite d'Youville (ESSMY) to St. Albert Catholic High School (SACHS). The Board engaged in two consultations (presentations about high school programming, table discussions, survey feedback) held on January 15th and 22nd with those most affected by this proposed transfer of programming.

At the January 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the Board heard the results in a "What We Heard" report from the consultation meetings. At the February 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the Board deliberated and arrived at the resolution to move the high school French Immersion programming from ESSMY to SACHS in 2020-2021.

Board Chair, Joe Becigneul comments as follows:

> *The Board is thankful for the broad range of community participation in Phase One of the consultation. The Board looks forward to continuing to work with our school communities to further illuminate a best path forward in Faith In Our Future.*

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