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FIRST-YEAR TEACHER RECEIVES THE PRESTIGIOUS EDWIN PARR AWARD

(May 28, 2012) St. Albert – Leah Kres, a teacher at Albert Lacombe School is this year's recipient of the Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award which recognizes the accomplishments of an outstanding first - year teacher. This is the second consecutive year that a Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools teacher has been selected for this prestigious award.

David Keohane, Superintendent of Schools commented that "*Leah joins an elite group of teachers in this province who have produced results with students in such a short time-frame. Families in our division are blessed to have such an outstanding teacher working with their children. To be recognized so early in one's career is a tremendous accomplishment and we congratulate Ms. Kres for all of her hard work and passion she brings to Albert Lacombe School every day.*"

The award is presented annually by the Alberta School Boards Association at their Fall Annual General Meeting in November 2012 and will be recognized by the division at the public board meeting this evening. Leah Kres was selected from more than 20 finalists across the region for her accomplishments as a new teacher. Leah Kres teaches music to 300 K-6 students and a grade 4 French as a Second Language class. Her passion for music engages students of all abilities to help them develop an appreciation and love for music.

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools delivers a faith-based education to over 6,000 students in the communities of St. Albert, Morinville and Legal. The school division is the fourth largest division in the province providing Catholic education and is a recipient of the recent Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence. Programs are offered from K-12 including International Baccalaureate, French Immersion, Sports Academies and Full-day Kindergarten.

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