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**Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools**  
*Faith in Our Students*



**Walking Together**

EDUCATION FOR RECONCILIATION

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## Education for Reconciliation Update

**Mission:** Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is working closely with our Walking Together Consultant, Cheryl Devin, and our Elders, Edna and Ella Arcand, to guide our committee work to enact *Education for Reconciliation* as part of the *Canadian Commission's Calls to Action, Truth and Reconciliation* (2012, 2015).

**Committee Work:** We have two committees: our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Advisory Committee **and** First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Leadership Committee.

**The Leadership Committee** is focused on:

- developing community and inter-agency partnerships to advocate for Indigenous Education;
- sharing with parents what our Board is doing to enact *Education for Reconciliation*.

**The Advisory Committee** is focused on:

- engaging in teacher education about Indigenous Education;
- developing and exploring classroom resources in Indigenous Education.

### SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- GSACRD Indigenous Literature Kit, K-12. This kit was created based on grant funds secured in 2017-2018. A select group of teachers worked with our elders to cocreate a K-12 list of indigenous literature titles and lessons that teachers are encouraged to explore.
- STAFF EDUCATION:
  - Two volunteer staff from every school learned how to use the GSACRD Indigenous Literature Kit in the classroom. They will explore the strategy and bring back evidence to the next meeting;
  - Two staff from every school took part in a workshop about **Residential Schooling in Canada** led by Cheryl Devin on Sept. 26, 2017. These staff will lead staff in the same workshop on Oct. 20 or a suitable professional learning day.