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Education Week News – High School Completion Rates Soar!

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(May 10, 2014) St. Albert, Morinville, Legal – The Ministry of Education released the results of the 2014 Accountability Pillar for the province which measures satisfaction levels, a school district's performance and the success students are experiencing. "As we celebrate Education Week in our communities, please know that our families, staff and the public have lots to celebrate. GSACRD Students continue to be ahead of the class, exceeding the achievement of the province in all areas reported by Alberta Education. Most importantly the evidence of the report demonstrates that our learning communities continue to be innovative in responding to student needs in highly effective ways" states David Keohane, Superintendent.

A number of the key measures in the performance report reflect high school success. While our report highlights academic achievements with more than 76% of students eligible for scholarship monies and 25% of our students achieving the standard of excellence on diploma exams, it is the data around high school completion, and transition that stands out most. The report highlights exceptionally low dropout rates and the likelihood that you will be successful and graduate from high school within three years is extremely high. This is also a confirmation of the values and importance that our communities place on education.

Joan Crockett, Board Chair comments "this accomplishment is a result of the dedication our staff has to provide an outstanding learning environment for our students so they can excel. We know that our strong focus on student strengths and engagement are contributing to this success. We are very proud of these results and also know that our focus on continuous improvement is critical to maintaining this performance level. Congratulations to our students, staff and parents who continually support their children to succeed. Our families should celebrate the educational success our youth are achieving knowing how critical they are to maintaining the future of our communities."

The results will be shared with individual school communities and incorporated into their school plans to ensure this success and positive trend continues. The report will be shared with the public at the regular Board meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014.

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