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**RE: David Keohane, Excellence in School System Leadership Award**



(EDMONTON) – David Keohane, Superintendent for Greater St.

Albert Catholic Schools, received the provincial EXL Award for Excellence in School System Leadership at the Annual General Meeting of the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), held March 22 in Edmonton.

As the Alberta recipient of the EXL Award, Keohane will be the CASS nominee for the national EXL Award as Canadian Superintendent of the Year, to be announced at the Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA) Conference July 4-6 in Ottawa. Jointly sponsored by Xerox Canada Ltd and CASSA, this prestigious award is granted to outstanding school system leaders who exhibit exemplary leadership ability and who have enhanced the profession of school system administration over the course of their career.

Consideration for the EXL award is given to those system education leaders who:

- guide children’s educational experiences,
- establish the character of a school system’s programs through the important work with school boards, school leaders, teachers and parents,
- shape children’s attitudes towards learning and their perceptions of themselves as lifelong learners, and
- model effective leadership and mentoring.

Keohane was the co-creator of a District Framework that has provided the vision of success that drives leaders within schools and at the system level to strive together to be the best they can be. In 2016 ThoughtExchange, which specializes in online engagement, commended Keohane for reducing the stigmas around mental health and bullying by facilitating focus groups and online exchanges for more than 3000 participants.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools was recently recognized with a Gallup Great Workplace Award and was ranked in the top 1% of international organizations for employee engagement. School Board Chair, Serena Shaw, noted that Keohane’s support of “the Gallup strengths has led to higher levels of employee engagement and student success, which is a key reason why the district is always improving.”

Shaw applauds Keohane on receiving this honour and noted “his leadership is exemplary. He is “a leader whom we feel that we can turn to, seek advice from, and count on to be fair-minded and focused on the ‘right’ thing to do. His leadership also extends into the community to ensure their voice around questions that are important to the district reflect their interests.”

“His extensive experience coupled with a keen sense of learning and working side-by-side approach, to understand and then act, makes Superintendent Keohane exemplary. Truly, I cannot think of a more deserving leader,” said Shaw.

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