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RE: David Keohane Named Canadian Superintendent of the Year



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(Ottawa) – David Keohane, Superintendent for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools was named the Canadian Superintendent of the Year at the Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA) Annual Conference in Ottawa. Keohane received the EXL Award at a ceremony held at the opening of the conference on July 4.

Jointly sponsored by Xerox Canada Ltd and CASSA, the EXL Award acknowledges exemplary leadership at the school system level, with recipients having enhanced the

profession of school system administration throughout their career. Keohane, the nominee of the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), was one of four provincial and territorial nominees recognized at the CASSA Conference.

Keohane, Chief Superintendent for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools since 2009, has been a CASS member since 2001. 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, applauds Keohane on receiving this honour and noted “his leadership is exemplary; David is a model and witness to our vision in all that he does to inspire excellence in learning through faith, relationships and engagement. He is a leader who places high value on engaging our staff and students that also extends into the community to ensure their voice around questions that are important to the District reflect their interests.”

In addition to the award received in Ottawa, Keohane will be acknowledged as the Canadian Superintendent of the Year by the American Superintendents Association at its annual conference scheduled for February 14-16, 2019 in Los Angeles. He joins Joan Carr (2016), Kim Jenkins (2013), Ed Witche (2004), and John Darroch (2002) as Alberta superintendents who have received the national award.

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