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Local High School Students Cheering!

(October 14, 2014) St. Albert, Morinville, Legal – The Ministry of Education released the results of the 2013 - 2014 Provincial exams highlighting student achievement across the province. While there is much to celebrate in all of our schools, we know that our high schools will be cheering the loudest! The *Accountability Pillar Report* measures on three year graduation rates, diploma results, dropout rates and scholarship eligibility highlight the success of our high school population.

Students and their families will be pleased to know that 85% of our students at St. Albert Catholic High and 100% of students at École Sainte Secondaire d'Youville are eligible for scholarship monies when they complete high school. And, for students at Morinville Community High, they are also cheering after achieving outstanding results, posting a record high 87% for high school completion and having 67% of students' scholarship eligible, significantly above the provincial average.

"Results can vary from year to year depending on your student population but what is most remarkable is the continued trend of excellence. For this, we need to applaud our teaching staff and the leadership of our principals for working with and supporting students in achieving their best" comments David Keohane, Superintendent. "Being at the top of the class keeps us challenged as a District; it requires us to look at making adjustments and fine-tune everything we do."

As a strengths-based District, we are hopeful that our student success is a reflection of engagement levels at school and the desire to excel. We know that student performance on Diploma Examinations sets them up for success beyond high school.

Noreen Radford, Board Chair, comments: "the success in our schools is not possible without the dedication of our teachers and staff who support students daily to assist them in achieving their best. Families, please celebrate these results with your children. On behalf of the Board, I congratulate our students, staff and parents who continually support their children to succeed! Results will be shared with our school communities in the coming weeks.

The district Accountability Pillar Report can be viewed online at

http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=374

Provincial Achievement Test & Diploma Examination results can be viewed on Alberta Education's website at:

<http://www.education.alberta.ca/admin/testing.aspx>

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