

2019-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

Source Document: Board Policy 1: District Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives; Strategic Priority Report to the Board 2018-2019

FOCUS ON FAITH

- Establish a three-year faith theme dedicated to *Living Like Christ*, that annually focuses on the three core aspects of Jesus' ministry: *Servant, Steward, Shepherd*.
- Develop further awareness of connections between our Catholic Faith and the spiritual beliefs / practices of our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit brothers and sisters.
- Strengthen our local and global community's understanding of what it means to be an excellent faith-based education system (i.e. knowing and being who we are).

FOCUS ON PROVINCIAL MANDATE FOR EDUCATION

- Further awareness and understanding of Truth and Reconciliation through expertise and collaboration provided by First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Advisory and Leadership Committees.
- Continue with strong community consultation and relationship building with the Ministry to achieve Board priorities.
- Prioritize concept-based pedagogies that ensure deep learning by integrating numeracy, literacy, and competencies from K – 12.

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY INTEREST IN OUR SCHOOLS

Through responding to our community interests and, in particular, the voice of our students:

- Prioritize academic programming which is understood to be a robust core subject emphasis with supports and choice for options that parallel students' interests.
- Promote school option programming that not only meets students' interests but also their needs in pursuing post-secondary and career skills / goals.
- Focus on programming that matches the highest priorities of our communities: career and life skill development and financial literacy.
- Seek further feedback from our communities about the following ideas:
 - How does your school provide feedback on student learning between report cards and tests, and what could your school do differently?
 - How does your school support students to develop as leaders inside and outside of the school to know and be like Jesus Christ?

FOCUS ON ADVOCACY

In furthering the advocacy role of the Board, priority will be placed upon:

- Advocate for a system of choice / Catholic education.
- Continue proactive engagement by liaising with local municipalities and the provincial government (i.e. new MLAs) regarding awareness of school capital projects and the availability of school sites within Area Structure Plans.
- Prioritize resourcing needs of schools and implement programming aimed at sustaining and improving enrollment through a balanced budget mindset.
- Address resourcing for programming in the district on the basis of equity which includes adequacy of facilities to meet student and staff needs.
- Advocate to the ministry for a revised funding model that appropriately addresses the costs associated with educating diverse learners including costs associated with supporting mental health needs.
- Sustaining student interest in our school system by being responsive to what the community most values in programming and student well-being.

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MISSION

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is a welcoming learning community that awakens the hearts and minds of students while educating and nurturing each to learn, live fully, and serve others.

VISION

Excellence in learning through faith, relationships, and engagement.

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