

December 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians and Staff:

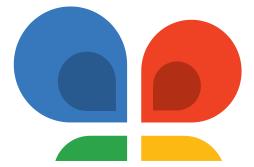
We hope that this letter finds you well as we all continue to journey through the COVID-19 pandemic together, supporting each other with hope and joy during these difficult times. We write to you today to share that at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 30, 2020, the Board voted unanimously to relinquish the *Faith in Our Future* initiative.

While we are excited about a new path forward as we assess the Division's capital priorities and begin exploring strategies to achieve them, it is worthwhile to note the successes of Faith in Our Future, such as:

- relocating the <u>high school French Immersion program</u> from École Secondaire St.
 Marguerite d'Youville to École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School, resulting in the greatest retention of French Immersion students transitioning into high school in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools in a number of years, and
- moving St. Gabriel High School to the newly-renovated, fully accessible space in the lower-level of the Division Office and its subsequent rebranding as the <u>St. Gabriel</u> <u>Education Centre</u>. The new name better reflects the potential to offer expanded services to students and families for years to come.

As a Division, we recognize the vibrancy and potential that exists in our <u>French Immersion</u> <u>schools</u>. We seek to work collaboratively with all school leadership teams to enhance the promotion of our excellent French Immersion educational programs and opportunities within our schools in St. Albert and Morinville.

We are excited to review and revise our *Three-Year Capital Plan*, as we assess our capital priorities. We are committed to engaging with our school communities as required and will seek input and feedback when necessary. Different public engagement approaches work for different situations, but we endeavour to encourage meaningful engagement no matter which approach is used. Our goal is to maximize the effective utilization of our existing school spaces and to be positioned to be awarded schools in new areas as the opportunity arises. We will strive to keep you informed as we move forward.





Many blessings to all of you as we continue on our journey through Advent, which Pope Francis underscores is "the season for remembering the closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst."

Blessings,

Mrs. Noreen Radford

Chair – Board of Trustees

Dr. Clint Moroziuk

Superintendent of Schools