



# GREATER ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## 2020-2021 Board Strategic Plan

### **FOCUS ON FAITH: ARISE! GET UP, GET GOING, GO WITH GOD!**

#### **Priorities:**

- ✓ Celebrate and animate the three-year faith theme: *Arise! Get up! Get going! Go with God!* During this first year of the three-year theme, we are called to arise and get up out of apathy and darkness.
- ✓ Develop further awareness of connections between our Catholic faith and the spiritual beliefs and practices of our First Nations Métis, 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., seeking courageous renewal and embodying our identity as a fully permeated Catholic school system).

### **FOCUS ON COMMUNITY: ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND AGENCIES TO FURTHER TRUST, RESPECT, AND RECONCILIATION**

#### **Priorities:**

- ✓ Work to ensure that our schools are positively reflected in the community.
- ✓ Help the community to understand the governance role of Catholic school trusteeship.
- ✓ Trustees are to engage often and authentically with our individual school communities in an effort to build relationships and coherence.
- ✓ Continue to build and grow relationships with parishes, community partners, groups, and organizations.
- ✓ Refine and grow established relationships with our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit partners and stakeholders.

### **FOCUS ON ADVOCACY: ENHANCE AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

#### **Priorities:**

- ✓ Continue to advocate for publicly-funded Catholic education by working to enhance community awareness with regard to the essential difference it makes to public education in Alberta.
- ✓ Work to enhance the sustainability of our schools and health of the organization through strategic planning and work with our community partners.
- ✓ Advocate for a provincial funding model that takes into consideration the needs of diverse school communities.
- ✓ Engage in positive dialogue with local municipalities and our provincial government partners to achieve mutual benefit.

### **FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION: UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT RESOURCING NEEDS OF SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE PROGRAMMING AND STUDENT WELL-BEING**

#### **Priorities:**

- ✓ Engage in effective fiscal stewardship by prioritizing the resourcing needs of the Division.
- ✓ Providing students with opportunities to continuously grow as learners and believers and achieve all of which they are capable.
- ✓ Work to assure stakeholders that the Division is providing students with learning environments that are safe, caring, welcoming, and permeated with faith.

Source Documents: Board Policy 1 – Division Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives, 2020-2021 Board Advocacy Plan, 2020-2023 Division Three-Year Education Assurance Framework, *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium*, *The Governance Core*.