## **2025 Trustee Election**

St. Albert Catholic Schools



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Ward 1

I am honoured and humbled to seek re-election as a Trustee for the Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division. I strongly believe in the gift of publicly funded Catholic education, and I have been so fortunate to serve in the role of Trustee for the past 9 years. Advocating for publicly funded Catholic Education is the most significant role for a Trustee and it has been my privilege to passionately advocate on our division's behalf for these last nine years.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools are among the best schools in Alberta. The data speaks for itself. We are continuously at the top when it comes to academics. Over the past four years, we have built on that strength to grow the Catholicity of our division and have seen tremendous results. Faith-based learning is the cornerstone of our division, and I am committed to ensuring our division continues this path.

I have had the privilege of being a part of the success of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and it is my hope to continue. I have served two terms as Chair of the Board in addition to active participation on several key Board committees. I have also had the privilege to serve on multiple key committees within the Provincial Education Landscape. I currently sit on our Audit Committee; our Faith Formation Committee; the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Committee; the Policy Review Committee; and the Teacher Employee Bargaining Association. I also serve as our Board's Business Liaison to the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce. After serving for eight years as our Board representative on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3, I was elected by my Zone 2/3 peers to the Provincial Board of ASBA this past year, serving on their Provincial Advocacy Committee.

Despite our successes of the past several years, including continued growth and increased utilization of our current schools, we still face challenges as we move forward. I will continue to advocate with our stakeholders for predictable, sustainable, and secure funding for our division. As we are outgrowing several of our current facilities, I will also continue to advocate for new school sites in our community's growth areas.

As an active parishioner of Holy Family Parish, it is important that we strengthen the vital connection between our faith, families, and our children's education. I will continue to work on your behalf to ensure Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools continues to excel academically, athletically, and spiritually. I will also work to ensure Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools remains a safe and caring environment for all our students, our faculty, and our families as we work together to ensure that publicly funded Catholic education thrives well into the future.