

2025 Trustee Election

St. Albert Catholic Schools



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Ward 1

It would be an honour to serve as Trustee for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

Having worked in Catholic Education for 35 years, I believe my experiences have prepared me for the role of Catholic School Trustee. I worked with GSACRD for 24 years both as a teacher and administrator serving as Principal for École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville, Richard S. Fowler and Legal School. I have a wide range of experiences spanning from Kindergarten to Gr. 12, in both French Immersion, Dual Track and English Single-Track Schools. For the last ten years of my career, I served in the roles of Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources with Elk Island Catholic School in Alberta.

I served as the President of the College of Catholic Superintendents of Alberta, was Chair of the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium and was a Board member of the Sign of Hope Campaign for Edmonton Catholic Services. My greatest joy though, was teaching and coaching hundreds and hundreds of students over the years.

My Catholic Education and my faith are especially important to me. I am an active long-time member of Holy Family Parish; having served as Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist. I would like to continue as a strong advocate for Catholic Education in the role of Trustee. The faith formation of our students and staff is a priority and this priority needs to be continually reflected in the actions and decisions of the Board.

My wife Pam and I have been living in St. Albert for almost 40 years with both of our children attending GSACRD schools and graduating from ESSMY fully fluent in the French language. This is a testament to the amazing teachers and staff that supported them.

Greater St. Albert Catholic is a high performing growing Division with an outstanding staff, passionate parents and world class students. An investment in publically funded Catholic Education benefits everyone. Presently, the education system is faced with more challenges than ever before and it is the role of Trustees to address these challenges; advocating, supporting, providing a clear vision, and then allowing the staff to do the best for our greatest assets, the students.

In retirement, I have been doing contract work with various Catholic School Divisions and Superintendents in Alberta supporting them in the areas of Policy Development, Governance and System Improvement.

The Board speaks with one voice; GSACRD has been blessed with Trustees that have enabled that voice to effectively serve our students and community. I would be honoured to be elected a School Trustee for GSACRD and continue a great tradition.