



Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools

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Province Approves Catholic School District's Expansion

For immediate release (St. Albert, Morinville, Legal). On January 19, 2017 Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools jurisdictional boundary was expanded by the Honorable David Eggen, Minister of Education, as a result of signed Ministerial Orders establishing the newly formed Catholic Separate Districts in the Namao and Carbondale areas; both located in the County of Sturgeon, north and north-east of St. Albert, and Boundary Adjustment Orders adjusting the area allocated to Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

An extensive parent-led formation process determined through a regional census confirming that Catholic residents are the minority faith in both the Namao and Carbondale areas. This outcome allowed the groups to gain ministerial approval to access Catholic Education by joining Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools. *"The 4X4 Formation process is a legislative right in this province under the School Act,"* commented superintendent, David Keohane. *"It is the truest form of public engagement afforded to families seeking choice and voice in education."*

At the January 30, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board, Trustees applauded the efforts of the parents and families in attendance who did the extensive work needed to produce the documentation and information required by the province. Board Chair, Serena Shaw thanked the parents for their advocacy and support of the District schools. *"We appreciate the leadership role you have taken on to provide the best education for your children and we look forward to welcoming families from Namao and Carbondale seeking Catholic Education."*

The school district will be putting into place a transportation arrangement for those families currently attending District schools; families in Carbondale will be attending schools in Morinville and families in Namao will be attending schools in St. Albert. The Namao area, which has been added to Ward 1, will also become part of the current boundary review process which is underway to accommodate the opening of Sister Alphonse Academy, a new K-9 School in the Jensen Lakes Community in St. Albert.

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