



# Board Highlights

## Regular Meeting of the Board

March 10, 2009

### **Secondary Catholic High School in St. Albert**

Following a vast consultation process, including information meetings and a telephone survey with 95% of families with children in grades 4 to 6 at École Père-Lacombe, 4 to 9 at École La Mission and 7 to 9 at École Citadelle, the Board adopted three resolutions for opening a temporary secondary catholic high school in St. Albert next September.

The Board mandated district administration to carry out the project by firstly informing the Minister of Education and the parents of the three schools. Secondly, administration will conclude a deal with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools to allow francophone students to take certain classes at St. Albert High School and to lease space at the school. Thirdly, administration will undertake talks with Covenant Health to lease space at the Youville Centre, converting them into a temporary school.

### **New Francophone Catholic Junior High School in Southeast Edmonton**

The Board has not yet received confirmation from Edmonton Public Schools regarding its request to lease Ritchie School in 2009-2010 in order to move grades 7 to 9 presently at École Maurice-Lavallée. Then again, administrative level negotiations are progressing and an official response is expected in the next few weeks.

### **Programme Plus en santé communautaire**

The Board approved a new program *Programme Plus en santé communautaire* which aims to train a cohort of high school students as Health Care Aides. Alberta

For immediate distribution and publication Education will provide \$635,000 in funding for three years from March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2011.

Starting in 2010, *Programme Plus en santé communautaire* will provide an opportunity for the cohort to work towards postsecondary certification in a health-related field while completing their high school studies at Maurice-Lavallée and Gabrielle-Roy. Not only will this experience open new doors, it will also have a positive impact on high school completion rates. Another anticipated outcome is increasing the workforce in the community health field where qualified labour is in great demand.

In Year I, the program will include the development, translation and adaptation of French courses in community health so as to implement them in Years II and III.

### **Renewal of Superintendent's contract**

The Board received authorization from the Minister of Education confirming the renewal of Superintendent Henri Lemire's contract for a five-year term from August 1, 2009 to July 30, 2014.

### **Nomination of Deputy Superintendent**

The Board appointed Nicole Bugeaud as deputy superintendent for a four-year term from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2013. She was originally appointed to the position on June 17, 2008 for a one-year probation period. With this appointment, her position as principal at École Maurice-Lavallée will posted soon.

### **Hiring of School Principals**

Following the Board's decision to open two

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catholic secondary schools, one in south-east Edmonton and the other in St. Albert, as well as the vacancy left at École Maurice-Lavallée, three school principal positions will be announced in the following days.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at La Cité francophone.

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