



# Board Highlights

## Regular Meeting of the Board

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### Auditor's Report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year

Trustees approved the audited financial statement presented by auditors from King & Company Chartered Accountants. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, a deficit of \$927,678 was recorded on revenues of \$36,661,951 and expenses of \$37,589,629.

On August 31, 2010, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord had \$1,905,445 in reserves after spending \$1,600,000 for the establishment of École Alexandre-Taché and École Joseph-Moreau. Because the Board is still awaiting a firm commitment from Alberta Education concerning the funding of the two new schools, the expense is not listed as accounts receivable.

### 2010-2011 Budget

The Board approved the budget for the 2010-2011 school year based on \$37,663,554 in revenues and \$38,053,971 in expenditures, resulting in a projected deficit of \$450,417. This deficit is the result of a shortfall of \$444,705 in Operations and Maintenance and \$270,571 in Transportation mainly due to the freeze in provincial funding for those envelopes.

### 2010-2013 Three-year Education Plan and 2009-2010 Annual Education Report

The Board adopted the 2010-2013 Three-year Education Plan and the 2009-2010 Annual Education Report. The combined documents is the result of a new approach by Alberta Education in response to recommendations from school authorities to reduce the duplication of reports.

### Official enrolment 2010-2011

There are 70 more students this year compared to last year thus 70 more than projected in the preliminary budget resulting in a net increase of 3%. Administration notes that the decrease in student enrolment (2,525 students in 2008-2009

and 2,396 last year) appears to be a thing of the past.

	2009-2010	2010-2011
Citadelle	118	114
Boréal	77	97
La Prairie	126	110
Notre-Dame	217	233
Père-Lacombe	247	240
Gabrielle-Roy	308	336
Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc	396	399
Maurice-Lavallée	292	290
La Mission	118	125
Desrochers	51	46
Saint-Christophe	68	58
À la Découverte	54	49
Alexandre-Taché	78	109
Joseph-Moreau	246	260
Total	2 396	2 466

CSCN identified 77 (75) special needs/francisation children in school-based preschool programs. Of these, 18 (15) have special needs and 62 (63) need intensive language instruction called *francisation* (numbers in parentheses are last year's figures).

### Accountability Pillar Results

Trustees received the Accountability Pillar Results. Alberta Education annually reports jurisdiction results in two major categories: 1. Qualitative results based on grades 4, 7 and 10 student and parent surveys, and all teachers; 2. Quantitative results based on achievement tests, diploma exams, drop-out rates, etc.

Overall, Centre-Nord results are better this year compared to last year. In the seven major categories, the Board had an « Excellent » evaluation in the following categories: a) Safe and caring schools, b) Preparation for lifelong learning, world of work and citizenship, and a « Good » evaluation in c) opportunities for all; d) Student

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learning achievement (K to 9); e) parental Involvement, f) continuous Improvement.

### Archdiocese policy against casinos

The Board will reconvene its ad hoc committee on casinos to re-evaluate the implications of the policy set forth by the Edmonton Archdiocese against collecting revenues from casinos and other forms of gambling. Most Rev. Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton, recently invited the catholic trustees to meet with him to explain the fundamental reasons behind his decision.

### School leases and facilities

Alberta Education confirmed its approval for the lease of four schools and other spaces leased by CSCN, notably:

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- \$348,396 for the lease of St. Patrick School (Edmonton Catholic Schools), where École À la Découverte is located.
- \$329,811 for the lease of Ritchie School (Edmonton Public School Board), where École Joseph-Moreau is located.
- \$27,317 for the lease at Jasper Jr/Sr HS and two modular units on Grande Yellowhead RSD property.
- \$85,031 to continue renting space in the Jasper Legion.

- \$58,734 for the rental of the gymnasium and two other rooms for École Citadelle in Legal at the *Centre scolaire communautaire de l'ACFA Centralta*.
- \$110,022 for space leased at the Youville Centre in St. Albert for École Alexandre-Taché.

### École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert) and Joseph-Moreau (Edmonton)

With the increase in enrolments from 78 to 114 students, and the addition of grade 12 in September 2011, the Board will develop spaces to install a science laboratory and an additional classroom at the Youville Centre. Covenant Health, owners of the centre, has approved the development. The design by architect Jim Der was shared with teachers. Tenders will be sought in January in order to complete renovations in early June 2011.

### École Gabrielle-Roy

The construction work in the school gymnasium has resumed. The Board's architect believes that Krawford Construction will have completed the rubber membrane on the exterior of the building and installed the maple flooring by the end of December. Meanwhile, students are bussed to École Maurice-Lavallée and Campus Saint-Jean for physical education classes.

### Next Board meeting

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



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