

June 18, 2026

## **A Vision of Excellence in East Central Catholic Schools**

Administration presented a slide show, “A Vision of Excellence in East Central Catholic Schools,” outlining the Division's vision for Catholic education rooted in faith, learning, community, and leadership, with a mission to ensure every student is known, valued, supported, and challenged. The presentation reviewed instructional leadership progress from 2024–2026 and outlined priorities for 2026–2027, including building authentically Catholic school cultures, strengthening assessment practices through Administrative Procedure 316, aligning PowerSchool grade books with divisional expectations, and continuing student wellness and support initiatives.

## **Four-Year Education Plans and AERR Timelines Approved**

The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the Administrative Procedure 130 – Four-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Report (AERR), confirming the Division's planning timelines and processes for the upcoming year. The procedure aligns Division and school-level planning with Alberta Education's accountability and assurance framework, with the Education Plan due to Alberta Education and Childcare by May 31 and the AERR due by November 30 each year. Provincial Assurance Surveys will be deployed in February, with Division local surveys following in March and April.

## **Student Conduct and Discipline Approved**

The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved updated Administrative Procedure 305 – Student Conduct and Discipline. The revision incorporates requirements under Bill 25 – An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms, effective September 1, 2026, including updated language describing a safe and caring environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviours, and a new student code of conduct statement addressing the prevention of violence. The procedure continues to prohibit corporal punishment, deliberate humiliation, and undifferentiated group consequences.

## **Safe and Caring Learning Environments for Students Approved**

The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved updated Administrative Procedure 322 – Safe and Caring Learning Environments for Students, revised to align with Bill 25 and the Division's obligations under Section 35.1 of the Education Act.

## **Field Trips, Excursions, National and International Tours: International Travel Position Discussed**

The Board discussed Administrative Procedure 319 – Field Trips, Excursions, National and International Tours, regarding ECACS's position on international student travel for 2026–27. The Board will continue to follow AP 319, approving tours in principle on a case-by-case basis. This approach allows ECACS to respond appropriately to evolving global conditions without categorically denying educational travel experiences that may hold strong curricular value. The Board retains full authority to deny or cancel any international tour proposal based on safety, security, or public health concerns at any point in the approval process. Stakeholders who submit international travel proposals will continue to be informed that approval is not guaranteed, that trips must demonstrate clear and direct alignment to curricular outcomes, and that safety and security assessments are a required component of every submission.

## **Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle Discussed**

The Board discussed Administrative Procedure 602 – Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle, reviewing draft revision options prepared by Administration. The Board provided Administration with feedback, and Administration will provide school administrators and schools with the updated procedure in August

## **Board Members**

Derek Collins, *Chair* | Mardy Charlebois, *Vice-Chair* | Alan Rogan | Angelique Peeters | Noel Wirachowsky | Rebecca Scherger | Carolyn Fetaz | Ryan Bolin