

October 22, 2026

Board Faith Formation: A Pedagogy of Wonder

The Board's faith formation focused on bringing wonder back into Catholic classrooms by encouraging teachers to prioritize observation over immediate explanation. By slowing down and asking questions like "What do you notice?", educators help students appreciate the beauty in creation and one another. This countercultural practice of silence and attention draws students toward God, applies across all subjects, and frames the world as a gift. The Board was informed that teachers were challenged to implement one practice this month, such as opening a lesson with observation rather than explanation.

Managed Technology Services Agreement with Intelica Solutions Inc.

The Board approved a managed technology services agreement with Intelica Solutions Inc. from November 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, providing security, backup, help desk support, system monitoring, and monthly on-site school visits. To combat the rising threat of ransomware in Alberta, the contract also includes monthly cyber awareness training and phishing tests for staff. Administration will present a mid-term performance report and a final evaluation to the Board in June or July 2027 for the August Board meeting.

School Critical Emergency Standards: Division Compliance Review

The Board reviewed the division's alignment with Ministerial Order 029/2026 for School Critical Emergency Standards, noting that current drills, staff training, and Administrative Procedures (105, 106, 120, and 140) already exceed provincial minimums. The remaining work involves compiling these into a unified Framework by January 4, 2027, outlining post-incident recovery steps, and updating individual school plans by April 5, 2027, in collaboration with local emergency services. The finalized Framework will be presented to the Board in January 2027.

BSS and STA International Tour to Croatia, Slovenia and Italy Approved in Principle

The Board approved in principle a division tour to Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy for Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas Aquinas students in April 2028. Traveling during Holy Week, the itinerary takes students from Dubrovnik through Plitvice National Park and Venice, concluding with a guided tour of Vatican City. This approval allows the lead teacher to begin fundraising and planning, though final authorization rests with the Superintendent upon meeting all AP 319 requirements, and the Board may cancel the tour if safety conditions change.

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