

September 24, 2026

Online Learning Partnership with Elk Island Catholic Schools

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between East Central Alberta Catholic Schools and Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division for the 2026 to 2027 school year. The agreement establishes a reciprocal online learning partnership that allows students in Grades 10 to 12 to access courses offered by both divisions. ECACS students will have access to elective courses through Elk Island's St. Isidore Learning Centre, while Elk Island students may enroll in School of Hope online classes. The partnership broadens Catholic online programming for families in both divisions and further establishes School of Hope as a trusted provider of faith centered distance education in Alberta. The agreement runs from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Activities Vehicle Request from St. Thomas Aquinas School

The Board was pleased to receive a proposal from the St. Thomas Aquinas School Council to partner with the division on the purchase of an activities van for the school. The School Council has generously committed to raising half of the cost, a wonderful example of the dedication and community spirit that make STA such a strong school. The Board welcomes this partnership opportunity, and Administration will work toward it through the 2027 to 2028 budget process. As part of that work, Administration will review activity vehicle needs across all division schools, including Christ King School, so that every school community is well served. We are grateful to the STA School Council for their initiative and look forward to moving this forward together.

Winter and Summer Closure for Twelve-Month Support Staff

The Board approved a consistent, division wide approach to vacation scheduling for twelve month support staff at School of Hope, Christ the King School, and Blessed Sacrament School. For the 2026 to 2027 school year, these positions will observe a winter closure from December 23, 2026, reopening January 4, 2027, and a summer closure from July 26, 2027, reopening August 3, 2027.

Central Office Christmas Closure

The ECACS Central Office will be closed from December 23, 2026, to January 3, 2027, reopening on January 4, 2027. We wish all ECACS families, staff, and communities a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Board Members

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