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## Catholic Schools Excel on Provincial Tests and Eligibility for Scholarships

*(October 15, 2012) St. Albert, Morinville, Legal* – *The* Ministry of Education released the results of the 2012 Provincial Exams which measures student achievement at grades 3, 6, 9 and 12." Results for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools continue the trend of excellence at all levels reported on by Alberta Education and we will be sharing these outstanding results with our Board of Trustees this evening" states David Keohane, Superintendent.

The district outperformed the province on all 16 measures and a highlight of the results released included the percentage of student's reaching the standard of excellence on exams. This outstanding achievement by our students demonstrates their level of engagement at school and their desire to excel. Student's performance on the Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams sets them up for success beyond high school. Our students are positioned to compete among the best for entrance into their post-secondary school of choice. This is also supported by the fact that more than 76% of students in Greater St. Albert Catholic High Schools are eligible for scholarship monies.

Rosaleen McEvoy, Board Chair comments "the trend of excellence in our schools is a result of dedication by our teachers and students in the district to achieve their best. GSACRD families should celebrate these results and know we will retain our focus on continuous improvement to maintain this performance level. Congratulations to our students, staff and parents who continually support their children to succeed!"

Results will also be shared with individual school communities and incorporated into their plans to ensure this success and positive trend continues.

The District Report Card can be viewed online at <a href="http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=374">http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=374</a>

Provincial Achievement Test & Diploma Exam results can be viewed on Alberta Education's website at: http://alberta.ca/NewsFrame.cfm?ReleaseID=/acn/201210/3304921F176F0-E679-E813-5EA130301CFA5DF7.html

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