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## **Provincial Report Card Highlights Trend of Student Success**

## For Immediate Release

October 9, 2015 (St. Albert, Legal, Morinville) Yesterday, the province released the completed Accountability Pillar Reports that measures school board performance on a variety of measures, including results on Diploma exams and Provincial Achievement Tests. Consistent with previous years, the District continues the trend of excelling and outperforming the province on a variety of measures including academics, parent satisfaction and providing safe and caring environments for students. The Provincial Achievement Tests results highlight that both English and French Immersion students continue to achieve above the province's benchmarks of the acceptable standard and standard of excellence. With respect to Diploma Exams, students continue to exceed provincial results overall. In addition, students in the District are successful in completing and participating in more Diploma Exams than their peers across the province. This supports the District success in posting one of the lowest dropout rates in the province. Students are valuing their future by completing their high school education.

Schools will now begin the work of reviewing their individual school results with staff to identify the areas that would impact student achievement the most and make adjustments to support students in being successful. In addition, "soft measures" such as providing a safe and caring environment in supporting student success are equally important in this review. This year, the District posted the highest ever satisfaction rating in this category. "We know that our families want their children to be in an environment that is inclusive of all students so that each and every child can thrive and experience success. This is a significant focus for our District and receiving this feedback lets us know that our staff are doing a great job in caring for and supporting students to ensure they achieve their best" comments Board Chair, Noreen Radford.

The <u>Province Accountability Pillar Report</u> and <u>District report</u> can be viewed online.

<u>Provincial Achievement Test & Diploma Examination results</u> can also be viewed on Alberta Education's website. For more information on the provincial and District reports, please contact:

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