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## NEWS RELEASE

## PRINCIPAL FOR SISTER ALPHONSE ACADEMY BRINGS K-9 LEADERSHIP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*February 7, 2017 (St. Albert, Morinville, Legal)* - Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools announced today that Mr. Greg Lamer will take on the leadership role, as principal for Sister Alphonse Academy. Mr. Lamer is currently the principal at Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High and has been with the district for 25 years.

David Keohane, Superintendent, is pleased with the depth of leadership that exists within the district and commented that "*it is always rewarding to provide the unique opportunity of opening a new school to a leader that has been a champion within our schools. Sister Alphonse Academy will be configured as a K-9 school, reinforcing the importance of selecting a candidate with leadership experience at the elementary and junior high level.*" Mr. Lamer began his career with the district in August of 1991 as a grade seven teacher at Notre Dame Elementary School and held the position of principal at Georges P. Vanier, Notre Dame, and Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High Schools.

The principal of Sister Alphonse Academy will be responsible for facilitating an effective opening of the school and will work with district staff to finalize programing, build the staff complement and all operational aspects tied to the opening planned for January 2018. As part of the administrative staffing cycle, the district will appoint a new principal for Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School in the spring.

The <u>Sod-turning</u> for Sister Alphonse Academy took place on November 9, 2016 on the school site in Jensen Lakes, St. Albert. The Board of Trustees are in the process of reviewing attendance areas and programming for the school and will host the Phase II Open Houses in March 2017. Regular updates on Sister Alphonse Academy and the consultation process are on the <u>district website</u>.

For further information on this appointment or Sister Alphonse Academy please contact: David Keohane, Superintendent 780-459-7711 *dkeohane@gsacrd.ab.ca* 

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools delivers Catholic Education to over 6,000 students in Legal, Morinville St. Albert and areas of Sturgeon County. Schools offers a range of programming from Pre-K to 12 including: French Immersion, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Sports Academy and integrated learning for students with diverse needs.