

Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

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NEWS RELEASE ST. Albert Catholic School Boundaries Adjusted to Include Sister Alphonse Academy

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On Monday, April 24, 2017 at their regular meeting, the Board of Trustees concluded their consultation process by approving an attendance area for Sister Alphonse Academy. The approval also includes adjustments to current St. Albert School boundaries and provides an attendance area for the Namao lands, where a new Catholic district formed earlier this year.

The consultation process took place between June 2016 and March 2017 to provide families and the broader public an opportunity to provide their input. "We were pleased with the response received; it helped us understand interests common to most families. Through applying guiding principles to the process, our decisions will minimize the overall impact by allowing families choice to continue at currently designated schools and keep their siblings together," commented, Board Chair, Serena Shaw.

The guiding principles included grandfathering children who are attending the school designated to their neighbourhood in the current attendance area and continuing to provide choice for families. The District has open boundaries at all schools where space and resources allow; the attendance areas are for providing busing service.

The new attendance boundaries will come into effect on September 1, 2017 and the District will be looking at having all new kindergarten students wishing to attend Sister Alphonse Academy in one location to begin the school year. "At this point we know the opening date for Sister Alphonse Academy could be as early as January 2018. Having the class together will help with the transition and initiate parent involvement before the school opens," noted Superintendent Keohane. All those families wishing to register for Sister Alphonse Academy are encouraged to contact the District.

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools delivers Catholic Education to 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.