



LCSD Board Highlights

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Annual Education Results Report 2021-2022

One standout item shared in Lakeland Catholic's Annual Education Results Report (AERR) for 2021-2022 school year was the division's dropout rate.

"The fact that our school division has a one per cent drop out rate speaks volumes to the education and programming we are offering our students," Superintendent Pamela Guilbault said to the board during her presentation of the AERR.

"Even in the midst of a COVID-disrupted year, our dropout rate is only 1 per cent, which is extraordinary."

In the 2021-22 school year, Lakeland Catholic graduated every First Nation, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) student, with a dropout rate of zero per cent.

Other highlights from the report include the high school completion rate, which was above the provincial average for both the three year (83.5 per cent) and five year (91.3 per cent) categories.

The PAT Acceptable results were 63.6 per cent, and the PAT Excellence were 10.4 for the 2021-22 school year. In relation to Provincial Diploma Exams (PDE), 78.8 per cent received Acceptable scores overall while 12.8 achieved Excellence. Improvement or maintained excellence was achieved in 17 courses, exceeding the provincial standards in nine courses.

Education quality remained high at 87.6 per cent, and access to supports and services is on par with the provincial average with 81.1 per cent.

The division is saw high or very high results in Work Preparation (86.9 per cent), Lifelong Learning (81.1 per cent), Safe and Caring (86.7 per cent), Program of Studies (82.2 per cent), Satisfaction with Program Access (73.4 per cent), Transition Rate - Six Year (59.1 per cent) and School Improvement (74.4 per cent).

The high school completion rate for Three Years was 83.5 per cent, while the Four Year (91.7 per cent) and Five Year (91.3 per cent) rates saw a slight increase. In this area, the division is exceeding the provincial average.

There was a slight increase in the dropout rate for English as an Additional Language (EAL), however it remained low at only 3.2 per cent. The Rutherford Scholarship eligibility rate increased by nearly 30 per cent for EAL, with a 90 per cent result.

The percentage of parents, teachers, and students satisfied with the opportunity for students to receive a broad program of studies including arts, career, technology, and health and physical wellness remained very high or intermediate, with an average of 82.2 per cent. The results were consistent with an 86.9 per cent average in the work preparation category.



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Areas of consideration are Program of Students - At Risk Students (81.1 per cent) and In-Service Jurisdiction Needs (78.4 per cent). The high school completion rate for FNMI students also saw a slight dip at 63 per cent (Three Year) and 76.2 per cent (Five Year). The division will continue to focus on providing access to supports and resources teachers require to deliver inclusive education, as well as ensuring they are meeting the curricular needs of the EAL high school population.

Parents (78.8 per cent), teachers, (85.1 per cent) and students (79.6 per cent) continue to feel students have access to the appropriate supports and services at school. The same results are reflected the education quality category, where the overall satisfaction average was 87.6 per cent.

Ninety-five per cent of parents are satisfied that the division is responsive and responsible, and 96 per cent feel their school councils influence school-level decisions.

Guilbault noted, 100 per cent of parents and 99 per cent of teachers are satisfied with the division offering full-day Kindergarten.

"We know the importance of starting students off well in their learning journeys, which is why our board has committed to offering full day kindergarten," Board Chair Mary Anne Penner said. "This program has been extremely beneficial to our young learners and their families."

Transportation Update

Avenir Bus Lines entered into a contract with the division on January 9, 2023 and has since been working diligently to fill any open routes in Bonnyville and Cold Lake.

Fifteen of the 16 bus routes in these communities have been filled, explained Secretary Treasurer Tessa Hetu.

Bonnyville and Board Community Engagement Event

Members of the community are invited to share their thoughts and ideas with the Board of Trustees during a Bonnyville and Board Community Engagement Event at Notre Dame High School on February 1 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is the first of four scheduled with the board, with three more planned over the next few months in each of the remaining Lakeland Catholic communities: Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, and Waskatenau.