



# Regina Catholic Schools

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REGINA ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 81

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Dear Principals, Vice Principals, Coordinators and Consultants:

At the February 2, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved two recommendations:

1. *Board Statements Regarding the 2015-2016 School Year*
2. *Board Statements Regarding Division Plans Following the 2015-2016 School Year*

These Board approvals enable the Division to develop short and long-term strategic plans for effective and efficient use of the Division facilities, while offering appropriate program courses for students. The Board has always stressed the importance and value of the Catholic community dialogue and feedback. You will recall that the Board consulted with its school communities and ratepayers to obtain such feedback, in the fall of 2014. The consultation feedback has, and will continue to be, considered for the development of short and long-term strategic plans. As background information, the *Praxis Consulting Report* (posted on the RCSD website) summarized the community feedback and was instrumental in developing a short-term strategic plan for the Division. The *Report* also provides valuable feedback for consideration for long-term strategic planning.

While developing short and long-term strategic plans, the Division's *Vision, Mission* and *Board's Guiding Principles* continue to serve as foundational guidelines.

## **RCSD Vision**

*The Regina Catholic School Division will provide a quality Catholic education that is faith-based, student-centred and results-oriented.*

## **RCSD Mission**

*The Regina Catholic School Division will work with the community and the local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and the development of informed, responsible citizens.*

## **Key Considerations for *Building a Vision for the Future***

- Ensure a quality Catholic education is offered for each student within all Regina Catholic schools.
- Strategically plan for and accommodate the annual projected student enrolment growth.
- Strategically plan to incorporate the Division's short, middle and long term proposals.
- Strategically invest resources, and review program offerings and facilities usage for effectiveness and efficiency.

### **1. Guiding Principles for *Building a Vision for the Future***

The Division will strive to:

- Make decisions to ensure a quality Catholic education.
- Provide equitable student learning opportunities.
- Provide a safe and healthy learning environment.
- Maintain the best value for money in its resource allocations and facility utilization.
- Ensure long term sustainability and stability considerations in all financial decisions.
- Solicit and value community and partner inputs and dialogue.
- Be flexible to accommodate unexpected challenges and changes.
- Develop efficient and effective transition plans.
- Adhere to the concept of transparency when planning for the future.

## 2. **Board Statements Regarding the 2015-2016 School Year**

- **Facilities:** The projected enrolment increase will be accommodated by the existing school facilities and/or by the addition of portables.
- **Boundaries:** Existing elementary school boundaries will remain in effect for this fall. There will be an annual review of the boundaries during the next 3 years to plan for and accommodate, as required, the existing and new elementary schools.
- **Associate Elementary Schools:** Associate elementary schools will be encouraged to attend their respective high school.
- **High School Programs:** Existing programs will remain in their current high schools.
- **Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School:** Course offerings will expand to include an additional AP option and a high performance athletic course.

## 3. **Board Statements Regarding Division Plans Following the 2015-2016 School Year**

- **Facilities:** Review of space utilization to support program offerings.
- **Boundaries:** Review of elementary boundaries.
- **Associate Elementary Schools:** Review of elementary schools and their transition path to the high schools
- **High School Programs:** Review of high school program options and availability for out of area students.
- **New Elementary Schools:** Review of programs for the new schools.
- **Financial Considerations:** Review of resource allocations for effective and efficient use of Division funds.

I thank you for your input, contributions, and interest in providing a quality Catholic education for our present and future Division students. I would ask that you please share the following Board statements with your school community.

Sincerely,



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Director of Education

c. RCSD Board of Trustees  
RCSD Senior Administration