

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: "Invest in Success" Trust

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RESOURCE

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INFORMATION

Edmonton Public Schools, "Invest in Success" Trust, an initiative of Continuing Education, was recently awarded a certificate for exemplary practice in the Community Service division by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning. The trust fund was included in a showcase of internationally exemplary programs at the LERN conference, held in Washington, D.C. December 1 – 5, 1999. Information about the district and "Invest in Success" was displayed in the convention Hall of Learning throughout the four day convention and may be featured in future LERN publications.

LERN is an international association, offering information and consulting resources to providers of lifelong learning programs. With more than 4000 members in eight countries, LERN sets industry standards for organizations involved in lifelong learning. In selecting programs to be recognized for excellence, the primary criteria judges used was the quality of being at the leading edge of the field of lifelong learning as evidenced by their nomination, in this case, the "Invest in Success" Trust. In addition, they also applied the following criteria: originality, innovation, appropriateness as a model for other programs, replicability, and measurable outcomes. The Edmonton Public Schools nomination was one of more than 100 nominations from four countries.

The "Invest in Success" Trust was established in the spring of 1999 to assist financially disadvantaged students to participate in Cool School and Families in Focus programs at Continuing Education. By reducing financial barriers to participation, the trust makes "Cool School" affordable to the most needy child.

Tonight, the Board of Trustees recognizes Mrs. Lori McKinnon, Program Specialist for Continuing Education's 'Cool School' program, and Mr. Bill Strickland, Marketing Services, for their work to initiate and promote the trust, and to bring recognition to the district.

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