

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Additional Trustee Initiatives for 2003-2004
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RESOURCE
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INFORMATION

The following additional initiatives have been submitted for consideration in the revision of central department three-year plans. The initial Trustee Initiatives report was presented to board on January 28, 2003 (Attachment I). The intended actions of the administration with regard to the initiatives will be reported to the Board together with the introduction of revised 2002-2005 plans and the 2003-04 proposed budget on April 8, 2003.

Initiative	Trustee
1. Re-examine the practice of Site Based Decision Making in our schools. Background: If principals target 50 per cent of their time in the classroom and their educational responsibilities are their priority they should be relieved of responsibilities that might be better handled elsewhere.	Woodrow
2. Re-examine the reporting structure in the district organization. Background: Would a different reporting structure improve accountability and ensure consistent standards throughout the district?	Woodrow
3. Ensure that all students on entering high school who are below grade in literacy skills be required to attend literacy classes staffed by teachers who have the necessary expertise.	Woodrow
4. Ensure that district schools use the most effective proven method to teach reading. Objective testing and results of comparative methods should be our guide.	Woodrow
5. Examine the pros and cons of extending the boundaries of Ward E to include Jasper Place High School within Ward E rather than Ward C. Considerations: ♦ Only Ward E has no High School, though most of Ward E high school students attend Jasper Place High School. The student population of Jasper Place is mostly from Ward E. ♦ It makes sense that the trustee elected by these parents should be the one who has a special responsibility for that High School, and should	Woodrow

represent the Board at that school.

- ♦ Many of a community's important events take place in the local High School. It is important for the local trustee **in each ward** to have the opportunity to be visible as a leader at these events.
- ♦ At Key Communicator meetings and Ward breakouts there should be opportunities for the Ward E trustee to communicate with High School parents from the ward.
- ♦ Parents in Ward E **assume** that Jasper Place High School is in their ward.
- ♦ Extending the boundaries by a few blocks along main roads would not greatly affect the number of voters in Ward E or Ward C.

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Attachment I – *Trustee Initiatives*, Board Report, January 28, 2003