

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FROM: Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Board of Trustees - Legacy Statement

RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

That the following Board of Trustees – Legacy Statement 2004-2007 and Board of Trustees – Goal Statements 2004-2007 be adopted:

Board of Trustees – Legacy Statement 2004-2007

As leaders and advocates for public education, we have:

- Raised academic achievement levels and high school completion rates, and promoted the physical and mental well-being of every student
- Actively engaged community partners in support of defining and obtaining superb results from every student
- Secured broad community support for sustained investment in public education and provided sound stewardship of district resources
- Instilled in every student a strong belief in societal involvement, values and responsibilities
- Celebrated excellence in teaching and the work of all district staff

Board of Trustees – Goal Statements 2004-2007

The Board endeavors:

- To achieve at least a high school completion rate of 70% (for students completing in three years) and 80% (for students completing in five years) within this board's term.
- To ensure the entire district and community understands the board's expectation for improvement.
- To significantly improve understanding of why students drop out.
- To achieve the goals:
 - That every grade three student will read and do mathematics at grade level
 - That every grade ten student will complete his or her courses
 - That every student completes high school
- To promote creation of a classroom climate at every grade level in which students want to complete their courses and their schooling.
- To ensure that results are publicized
- To ensure that a climate of urgency in support of teaching and learning is created.

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The new Board of Trustees recently met to discuss and establish overarching principles and goals for its work during its term of office. The legacy statement represents the Board's leadership as to what this organization should look like at the end of its term. The legacy statement provides a way for the Board to evaluate its work at the end of its term.

In addition, the Board identified several goals that reflect the Board's belief that it has the responsibility and the authority to ensure quality education for all students. The legacy statement and goal statements are wide ranging and indicate a general commitment and direction for the district. The district priorities, upon input from stakeholders, will be developed to mesh board goals and the goals of the staff, parents, and the community.

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