



## **Edgar Schmidt, *Superintendent of Schools***

Edgar Schmidt began his teaching career with Edmonton Public Schools in 1982. He completed a master of education degree in 1993 and, in 1996, received his first appointment as principal at Mill Creek School. In 1999, he became principal of Garneau/Queen Alexandra Multi-Campus Elementary School.

In 2001, Mr. Schmidt became a principal with Instructional and Curricular Support Services, where he was responsible for program and policy development, principal coaching, district planning and reporting, and research co-ordination. In 2003, he moved to a supervisory position with Research Support Services and Resource Development Services.

In 2004, Mr. Schmidt joined the Superintendent's Office as an executive assistant. In this capacity, he provided direct support and liaison to the Board of Trustees and the superintendent. In September 2005, he was designated an executive director and was responsible for supervising several central decision units and providing support to principals in schools.

When Superintendent Angus McBeath retired from the district, Mr. Schmidt served as acting superintendent from November 1, 2005 until August 31, 2006. He then returned to his duties as an executive director. On May 1, 2007, Mr. Schmidt became superintendent of schools. In this role, Mr. Schmidt is responsible for leading the district's efforts to improve student achievement results and high school completion rates.

Mr. Schmidt is a published author and researcher. He participated in a national study to research choice and accountability in Canadian education. He is also a member of the College of Alberta School Superintendents, Education Society of Edmonton and Phi Delta Kappa (University of Alberta Chapter). He is committed to improving educational outcomes for all students.

Mr. Schmidt and his wife Debbie have three children: Jeff (25), Kirsten (22) and Allison (18).