

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: "An Act to Follow" Staff Recognition Program

ORIGINATOR: N. Robblee, Leadership Services

### INFORMATION

The *Act to Follow* initiative was designed to recognize and celebrate outstanding performances of staff that have resulted in tangible gains in student achievement, and to share the expertise and experience of these staff throughout the district in the An Act to Follow publication.

### ACT I

#### **Diane Fischer – Curriculum Coordinator, International Baccalaureate Program - Harry Ainlay**

Diane Fischer exemplifies excellence in the classroom and in the support she provides for both students and teachers in the International Baccalaureate Program at Harry Ainlay. She oversees the ongoing professional training of staff, the administration of the requirements of the IB program, the academic progress and emotional balance of students. She is a strong supporter the district's Focus on Supporting Teaching and Learning initiative and the school's instructional focus of reading comprehension. Her efforts have contributed significantly to Harry Ainlay's outstanding results in IB and diploma examinations.

#### **Annie Foster – Department Head, International Languages, McNally**

Annie Foster's passion for languages and her students is evident in her classroom. A combination of excellent rapport with her students, creative lesson planning and sense of fun motivates her students to perform at a level that exceeds the overall school average. Members of her department give high praise for her contribution to second language learning at McNally – lauding her honesty and forthrightness, her ability to work collaboratively, and her positive and supportive manner. These qualities and her contributions to teaching modern languages have been recognized by her colleagues at the district and provincial levels.

#### **JoAnn Gartner – Community Coordinator, Eastwood and Parkdale**

JoAnn Gartner is a dynamic and talented community coordinator who has been dedicated to improving the quality of education for the students at Eastwood for the past 15 years.

During the past year she has broadened her responsibilities to include Parkdale School as well. JoAnn builds partnerships with the community that result in a variety of programs that support the work done in the classrooms and have a very positive impact on student achievement. Corporate and community partners include: Big Brother, Big Sisters, Success by Six, the City Centre Church Corporation, Telus, Canada Place and Wal Mart. Staff attest that her support and organizational ability have made a big difference to the Eastwood and Pardale learning communities.

**Stephanie Gower-Storey – Mathematics Department Head, M.E. LaZerte**

Stephanie Gower-Storey is a talented teacher who has been teaching for just five years. Through her involvement in the AISI project, Stephanie was a member of the team that was instrumental in the launch of the new Math curriculum in the district three years ago. Her involvement has continued as the new curriculum is implemented at the 20 and 30 levels. Her enthusiasm and active promotion of Math, collaboration teams, and the sharing of best practices, resources, skills and ideas within her school and at the district level, has gained Stephanie the trust and respect of her colleagues. Her work has had a positive impact on Math 10 Applied results throughout the district.

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Appendix I – An Act to Follow - Act One Booklet