

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

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Subject: Kennedale School Program

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### INFORMATION

Edmonton Public Schools was successful in obtaining the contract for providing education services to the Edmonton Young Offender Centre beginning in the fall of 1995. This is the sixth year of operation. The contract operates at no cost to Edmonton Public Schools and is a joint agreement involving our district, Alberta Learning and Alberta Justice.

Kennedale School is located within the Young Offender Centre and provides education to students from 12 to 20 years of age. The school program operates year round with Christmas Recess and Spring Recess being the only times the school is closed. Enrolment in the school varies from a low of 98 students to a high of 167 students with the average daily enrolment for last year being 124. We have a school staff of 24 people.

The school program accommodates both junior and senior high school students and all courses provided by Alberta Learning are available to them. In addition to regular educational programming there is a wide range of extra-curricular offerings and a strong focus on student recognition.

In November 2001, the Kennedale School program expanded to Alberta Justice's Youth Attendance Centre where twelve students are currently in attendance under the direction of one teacher. This is a full day program for students who are on probation and not enrolled in a day program at any other location. The Attendance Centre is currently undergoing renovations and when they are completed the program will expand to include a total of 36 students.

Alberta Justice, and especially the management and staff of the Edmonton Young Offenders Centre are an excellent group of individuals to work with and we have been very fortunate in the support they provide to the school program.

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