

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 17, 2003

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Response to Trustee Request for Information

ORIGINATOR: B. Holt, Executive Director, Instructional and Curricular Support Services

RESOURCE
STAFF: Gloria Chalmers, Stuart Wachowicz

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #266, MARCH 11, 2003 (TRUSTEE ODYNSKI): PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE COGITO PROGRAM – IS IT OPERATING AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED AND IS IT CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED ACROSS THE DISTRICT. Consistency has not yet been achieved across all sites of the Cogito alternative program. A major challenge has been programming simultaneously for students new to the program at junior high and those who have had up to six years in the program. Based on our experience, the plan is to have a late-entry Cogito junior high site and a site for those who have been in the program through elementary. At elementary, to maintain and improve consistency across sites, inservices with staff on scope and sequence and discussions on resources occur on an ongoing basis. Inter site visitations are also planned. (G. Chalmers, 429-8398; S. Wachowicz, 429-8186)

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