

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

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INFORMATION

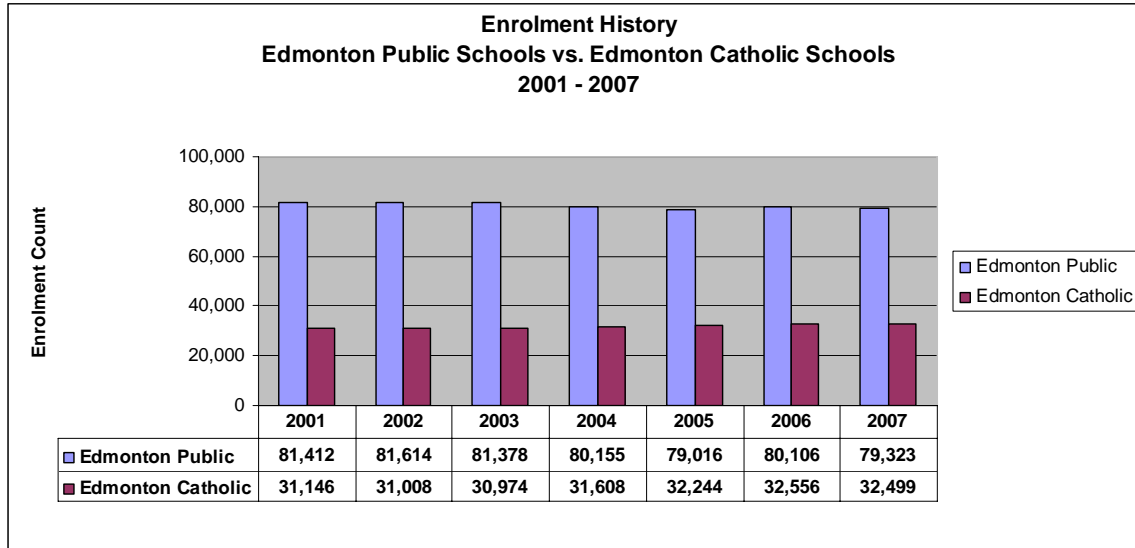
**TRUSTEE REQUEST #91, APRIL 15, 2008 (TRUSTEE COLBURN) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE DISTRICT REVIEW OF ITS DATA MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE-ONLY WEBSITE FOR DATA RETRIEVAL AND WHAT PLANS ARE IN PLACE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.** Using the web based record management system to create a trustee-only web access to Board records is feasible. However, considerable front end work must be done to determine what records should be placed on the system, what they should be called, what metadata should be assigned to each record, and whether workflow should be designed around some of the record types.

Our programming team is committed until December of 2008 to implement the electronic Student Record and the electronic Personnel File.

In addition, as mentioned to Trustees during Budget Review, Communications is working with an external web development company to improve the user experience for both the District website and the InfoZone. Improvements to the District website are a priority and will be made incrementally over the next year. (L. Austin, 429-8043 L. Beeken 429-8188)

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #96, APRIL 29, 2008 (TRUSTEES COLBURN AND GIBSON) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING A COMPARISON OF THE DISTRICT'S STUDENT ENROLMENT OVER TIME VERSUS THAT OF EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. PROVIDE INFORMATION BROKEN OUT BY STUDENT AGE AND INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT MAY HAVE IMPACTED ENROLMENT SUCH AS THE OPENING OF A NEW SCHOOL.** The bar graph below compares the enrolment totals for Edmonton Public and Edmonton Catholic school districts between 2001 and 2007. The Edmonton Catholic (ECS) enrolments represent the September 30 enrolment counts as reported on the Edmonton Catholic Schools web-site. The Edmonton

Public enrolments represent the September 30 enrolment counts after reconciliation with Alberta Education.



Information broken out by student age is not available. Below are some events that occurred in this time frame – whether or not these events influenced enrolment trends between the two districts is speculative.

- 2002 Jackson Heights and George. P. Nicholson schools opened in EPSB
- 2004 Perceived possible EPSB teacher walk-out; ECSD teachers with contract
- 2005 Opening of Oscar Romero High School in ECSD
- 2006 Edmonton region attracts large numbers of workers
- 2007 Housing costs force some families out of Edmonton

(M. Falk, 429-8437, B. Morter, 429-8004)

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #97 APRIL 29, 2008 (TRUSTEE RIPLEY) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF EXPELLED STUDENTS WHO ACTUALLY ATTEND THE SCHOOL THEY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO.** Although the mid-term report indicated that 157 students were expelled in the first two quarters of the 2007-08 school year, this total inadvertently included 18 students expelled in the third quarter, which began on March 1, 2008. The correct total is 139.

One hundred and thirty-one of the 139 students (94 per cent) enrolled in the district school they were directed to after the expulsion. (D. Huculak, 429-8394)

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