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Report from the Superintendent:

College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS): At the CASS Fall Conference, EICS was involved in putting on three professional development sessions. The first was a session presented with ERLC on the work done by a number of our schools to support Indigenous Student and action Truth and Reconciliation. Paul Corrigan presented with Dr. Jodi Carrington about the Connections Project that EICS has been involved with, as the work is being shared throughout the province. The finale was a presentation that occurred as part of a panel on the learning that occurred at the Summer Conference. In all, there were three presentations in which EICS was featured positively and prominently

Catholic Education Sunday

The gift of Catholic Education was celebrated in each of the seven parishes during Catholic Education Sunday. The theme of the Bishops' annual message on Catholic Education Sunday this year was "Rejoice and be Glad". Elk Island Catholic Schools is living out the message through our Division theme, 'We are all God's Masterpiece'. In Alberta, it is a privilege to have a separate Catholic system. The mission of Catholic Education is to form the whole child: academically, socially, spiritually, and physically. At the Catholic Education Sunday Mass, EICS acknowledged that we are privileged to teach and care for all children.

OLPH Parish - Catholic Education Panel Discussion

OLPH Parish's GIFT Committee hosted an evening focused on supporting Catholic Education. The lead in for the evening was: "Ever wonder why we have two school systems in Alberta? Why does the Catholic Church seem to have "pride of place" among other Christian and non-Christian faith groups? How is Catholic Education different from that in the public school system? Why should I care? Join our expert panel to learn more about Catholic Education in Alberta and what you can do to preserve it for future generations." Over two hundred people attended the very successful evening hearing from Paul Corrigan, Assistant Superintendent; Archbishop Richard Smith; Dean Sarnecki, Executive Director ACSTA and Anna Laparco, lawyer from Denton's Law Firm. We are proud to have had a part in helping host the very first of these important panel discussions. Based on the success of the evening we anticipate there will be more in other communities.

Collaborative Response Model: Presentation from Dr. Court

At the November 28, 2018 meeting, Dr. Lorraine Court, Deputy Superintendent of Inclusive Learning, provided the Board of Trustees with an update on the Collaborative Response Model. A copy of this presentation is available in the monthly minutes of the November 28th meeting agenda available at www.eics.ab.ca

NEXT MEETING

November 5, 2018
Vegreville

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CENTRAL LEARNING SERVICES BUILDING

A Central Hub for the EICS Family



With a goal of improving student services, staff supports, and financial efficiency, the Board of Trustees approved a plan four years ago to create of a new EICS Central Learning Services hub. EICS had outgrown our old location and we can now accommodate all of our numerous departments in one centralized location and have more space for staff and student supports. The new building is also the home of St. Isidore Catholic Learning Centre, which serves approximately 1,200 Home Education, Online and outreach students.

What are some of the challenges that existed?

- Inability to host any all staff professional development in the small boardroom at EICS and have to go to external locations.
- Transportation staff had to travel between the existing CLS building, the Transportation Shop and Yard on a daily basis.
- Maintenance Services has inefficiencies due to being in multiple locations.
- Costly repairs to the existing CLS building on a yearly basis due to the age of the building.
- Lack of Alternative programming in EICS.

Bringing 8 different locations together under one roof.

- The original Central Learning Services building was completely at capacity and couldn't accommodate any medium scale professional development or division function other than small events. (owned)
- Transportation Yard (owned)
- Transportation Shop (leased)
- Maintenance Shop (owned)
- Maintenance Storage at South Cooking Lake (owned)
- IT Shop that was vacated as an interim solution due to new building being built (leased)
- Student Support Services located upstairs in St. Theresa Catholic School, which in 2017- 18 had to be vacated to accommodate the school's growth.

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FINANCIAL FACT SHEET

First of all, it's important to note that none of the financing or divisional dollars that were slated for staff or students were utilized for this building. In fact, over the past 5 years, EICS has reduced its spending on central operations and these savings have been redirected to schools and the classroom. The Division also currently only spends 2.82% of its 3.60% allowable Administration expenditure cap (approximately \$645,000 underutilized).

Total Project Funding:

- Loan from Alberta Capital Finance (fixed rate of 3.24%) - \$9.8 million
- Sale of EICS Transportation Yard - \$1.4 million
- Sale of Maintenance Shop - Approx \$840,000
- Sale of Old Central Learning Services - \$3.2 million
- Approximately \$15 million

Long-Term Benefits

- Transportation Shop Rental Savings \$50,000
- IT Shop Rental Savings \$60,000
- Utility Savings \$32,000
- Condo Fees \$14,000
- Travel Cost Savings \$20,000
- Annual Repair Costs of current assets \$50,000
- Outreach Funding \$62,000
- Admin Funding from St. Isidore \$153,000
- Bus Yard Rental \$40,000

Net Cost of the Building

The debenture payment is \$531,941 per year. This year, with cost savings and additional revenues being \$481,000, the Division expects a net cost of only approximately \$50,000, which will reduce in future years as St. Isidore grows.

2018-2019
Cost Savings and Revenues

\$481,000