

Media Statement

March 16, 2020

As a result of the direction from Alberta Health Services in conjunction with the Minister of Education, all Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) and sites are cancelling classes indefinitely as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

We want to reassure families that despite this significant disruption, the Minister of Education has indicated every K-12 student will receive a final mark for the 2019-20 school year, and students will progress to their next grade level next year. Meanwhile, Diploma Exams essential for post-secondary acceptance will continue as scheduled—although the format of how those exams will be offered has not yet been determined. As such, teachers and other school staff will continue to work to ensure these expectations are met, and EICS will continue to communicate with you again once we have a detailed plan for next steps.

Please know, as usual, our number one priority is the health and safety of all students, staff and school communities. Our Division will continue to work with Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services. We'll continue to keep our schools and families updated as information becomes available.

In the meantime, if you have any health-related questions, visit the province's website: [COVID-19 coronavirus info for Albertans](#) or call the [Health Link 811](#).

If you have any questions or needs that arise during this temporary class cancellation, please first check the Elk Island Catholic School website at www.eics.ab.ca where updates will be regularly posted.

We want to thank all of our parents, students and staff as we navigate through this challenging time together.

God Bless,

Ted Paszek, Chair
Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees