



Trustee Corner

Education Planning

Every three years, and updated annually, Alberta school divisions are required to prepare a plan for Alberta Education. Lakeland Catholic School Division submits a strategic plan annually that reinforces past accomplishments and concentrates on areas that require additional support and actions. Each year the Government provides the division with their business plan which must be aligned with the Division Education Plan. To ensure our Catholic Christian Identity permeates our Educational Values, we explicitly embed our faith goals throughout the education plan. The current Division Education plan has four goals:

Lakeland Catholic School Division's Students are Successful

- a. Student learning outcomes and focus is on competencies, which includes critical thinking, collaboration and communication across subject and discipline areas based on a strong foundation of literacy, numeracy and Catholic Christian values. Students are prepared to meet the needs of an evolving future, learning complex curriculum through the relevant real- world learning environments. The Division continues to maintain safe and caring school communities with an emphasis on student mental, social and emotional and spiritual wellness.

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students in Lakeland Catholic are Successful

- a. The Division works collaboratively with Indigenous communities and supports Indigenous students to pursue personal excellence. LCSD prioritizes foundational knowledge and traditional ways of knowing with adaptive teaching and learning strategies to increase Indigenous academic achievement. Inclusive environments are established when education partners anticipate and value diversity, understand learners' strengths and needs and reduce barriers, and when capacity is built, and responsibility is shared among education professionals.

Lakeland Catholic School Division has Excellent Teachers, Schools and School Authority Leaders

- a. The Division sustains high standards for educators by ensuring that teacher preparation and professional growth focus on the competencies needed to help students learn, are grounded in numeracy and literacy, and that effective learning and teaching are achieved through collaborative leadership. The Division also prioritizes faith leadership initiatives.

Lakeland Catholic School Division's Education System is well Governed and Managed

- a. The Division follows the education system by establishing guiding legislation, allocating funding and building and maintaining school facilities to protect Albertans' confidence in public education. The Division will continue to build a vibrant and inclusive faith community through partnerships between school, church, community and home.

Each year, the goals may change based on the Government's Business plan. Achievement goals in the Three-Year plans are measured through Annual Education Results Reports (AERR). Lakeland Catholic School Division celebrates excellent results over the past several years which indicates continuous improvement. These results are posted annually on the Division Website (www.lcsd150.ab.ca) and a summary is mailed to all households.

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The process of identifying strategies to achieve these goals includes significant input from parents, teachers, students and staff. This can include online surveys, and planning workshops with representation from all stakeholder groups. This year a one-day Division Education planning process will be held March 31, 2020. If you are interested in helping set the direction for the new Three-Year Education Plan, you are invited to call the LCSD Central Office and express your interest (780-826-3764).

It is through the hard work and commitment of our staff, parents and students, and communities that Lakeland Catholic School Division's achievements are greater today than ever.

Thank you and God Bless Lakeland Catholic Board of Trustees

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