



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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### EICS Board of Trustees Advocacy Report

The Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees had a very busy advocacy schedule over the past few weeks. Except for the Graduation events which Trustees attended in their home communities and participated in car parades and other socially distancing activities, all advocacy meetings were done virtually. Here is a listing of the late April-May events:

- May 5:** Bishop David Motiuk
- May 11:** Archbishop Smith
- May 18-22:** Celebrating Catholic Education
- May 22:** Meeting with Fort Saskatchewan Council and Mayor
- May 22:** St. Mary's Catholic School Graduation
- May 29:** Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Graduation

During the May 27 meeting, EICS Board of Trustees brought forward a number of Board policies for updating, which included:

**Policy 3: Role of the Trustee** - changes were made to update this policy in reflection of legislation name changes and as a matter of keeping policies current and with an added focus on governance.

**Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct** - the policy committee made small edits to update this policy focusing on Board Relations.

**Policy 7: Board Operations** - Due to land annexations between Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County, housekeeping changes needed to be made to this policy which outlines the wards and trustees specific to the EICS Division prior to the next municipal election.

To see the current EICS Board policies, please visit the EICS Trustee page at [eics.ab.ca](http://eics.ab.ca) which lists all policies.

**NEXT MEETING**  
June 17, 2020

**Virtual Meeting**

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Next Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
June 17 2:30 PM  
Virtual Meeting

## **EICS Board Approves 2020-2021 Budget**

At the May 27, 2020 public meeting, the Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Board of Trustees approved the Division's operating budget for the 2020–2021 school year.

EICS' total operating budget for the year is \$79.8 million with revenues being projected as \$79.7 million. This leaves an overall deficit of \$90,133 at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The budget continues to align resources with the Division's priorities to meet the student needs in our communities.

Highlights of the divisional budget for 2020-2021 include:

- EICS provides educational services to over 7,900 students in its communities|
- Increase of 80 full time equivalent students over 2019-2020

Class sizes are projected to increase in 2020-2021, Overall estimates are as follows:

	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>Change</b>
K to Grade 3	21.1	20.3	0.8
Grade 4-6	24.2	23.7	0.5
Grade 7-9	29.2	27.8	1.4
Grade 10-12	29.3	28.4	0.9

### **EICS Priority Based Funding Allocations:**

#### **•Faith Formation: \$787,000**

Leadership, consultant and chaplain positions, and faith formation programs in all schools

#### **•Quality Teaching and Learning: \$6,200,000**

Leadership, consultant and Collaborative Response Coordinator positions, and professional development support for schools; Pathways teaching and school support positions and programs; Collaborative Response Model to ensure all students are successful

#### **•Wellness: \$1,546,000**

Leadership, consultant and wellness programs in all schools; Nutrition program

#### **•Engagement and Improvement: \$381,000**

Divisional communication tools; all websites; Public engagement software (ThoughtExchange) professional development

#### **•Classroom Instruction and Support: \$38,019,000**

#### **•School and Division Operations: \$13,315,000**

#### **•Maintenance and Transportation: \$16,438,000**