

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education MEDIA RELEASE

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Proposed School Closure of École St. Thomas d'Aquin

At the January 09, 2018 regularly scheduled Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education discussed the Public Information Meeting held on January 8th and the consideration of school closure of École St. Thomas d'Aquin with the intention to move the program to St. John Paul II School.

The Board made the following motion at the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting:

• "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education schedule a Board Meeting for *Tuesday, January 30, 2018* at *6:00 pm* to be held at the Catholic School Board Office to discuss the proposed school closure of École St. Thomas d'Aquin and to move the program to St. John Paul II School for the 2018-2019 school year".

The Board wishes to thank the École St. Thomas d'Aquin community for attending the Public Information Meeting on Monday, January 8th at the School. This was an opportunity for the Board to hear your views on the proposal and to gather input from your school community. We further wish to thank the École St. Thomas d'Aquin delegation who gave a presentation at the Board Meeting, your words and opinions are valued and we thank you for the time. Your school community is to be commended for the passion you demonstrate for your school, your commitment to French Immersion and your dedication to Catholic education. Thank you.

The Board is committed to meeting the needs of the École St. Thomas d'Aquin school community and is excited about the prospect of growing French Immersion in our District.

The Board is committed to meeting the needs of all students in our Catholic Schools.

Written comments can still be submitted to the Board by email to: <u>communications@mhcbe.ab.ca</u>; by fax to: 403.529.0917; by mail or dropped off at: 1251-1st Avenue S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A8B4.

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