

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES AND GOALS 2010 – 2012



## **ROOTED IN FAITH**

### **PRIORITY:** Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity

**RATIONALE:** Catholic education in Saskatoon, Biggar, Humboldt, Viscount and area grew from a shared desire by home and parish to teach children in a faith-filled setting. This relationship between parents and church has sustained Catholic education for more than a century. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will continue to define and strengthen its Catholic identity to ensure Catholic education exists in our communities for another 100 years.

#### **GOALS:**

- To nurture an awareness and understanding of Gospel values, with a focus on faith formation for staff and students while supporting each individual's faith journey.
- To advocate for Catholic Education.

## **Growing in Knowledge**

### **PRIORITY:** Improving Student Learning and Achievement

**RATIONALE:** Catholic education helps all children in our division develop their God-given talents as they strive to reach their full potential spiritually, academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools combines academic excellence and spiritual development with support for the physical wellness of each student. A well-rounded Catholic education helps students become contributing citizens in their communities.

#### **GOALS:**

- To support transitions for all students, from early learning through to high school graduation.
- To commit to increasing health and wellness of all students.
- To improve academic achievement, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy.
- To ensure First Nations and Métis students are successful in their program of studies.

## *Reaching Out ... to Transform the World*

### **PRIORITY:** Building Relationships and Partnerships

**RATIONALE:** Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools believes a strong relationship between parents, the church and the school is needed to educate children and youth to their full potential. We will continue to develop and enrich our relationships with the broader community and all levels of government. We are committed to working with many groups and organizations within our communities because we all share responsibility for educating our children and youth.

#### **GOALS:**

- To continue to develop relationships with parents, through Catholic School Community Councils; and the church, through the Diocese, Eparchy and parishes.
- To nurture formal partnerships with First Nations and Métis groups, so these relationships may contribute to improved outcomes for First Nations and Métis students.
- To maintain our focus on academic success for New Canadians through a variety of shared initiatives.
- To continue to develop and enrich relationships with the broader community and all levels of government.



### **PRIORITY:** Promoting Stewardship

**RATIONALE:** Catholic education is a calling to take care of God's abundant gifts. As stewards the Board is entrusted with the gifts of people, finances, facilities and the environment. We seek to receive these gifts gratefully and tend to them responsibly so that our work contributes to the greater good of the school division, our communities and our world. The Board of Education will continue to define and implement practices to achieve and sustain excellent Board governance.

#### **GOALS:**

- To nurture and develop God's people: our human resources.
- To responsibly allocate and use financial resources and build and maintain facilities as centers of learning.
- To teach children and youth to care for God's creation.