## Palliser Regional Schools Report to the Community



Highlights from our Annual Education Results Report 2011-2012 and Three-Year Education Plan 2012-2015

Palliser Regional Schools provides Early Childhood Services through Graded 12 education to about 7,245 students in the County of Lethbridge, Vulcan County and City of Calgary. We take pride in safe, caring and inclusive schools that meet the needs of a diverse population that include rural and urban students, First Nations, Low German Mennonite and families that choose a Christian education.

## In 2011-2012, Palliser Regional Schools:

- Achieved excellent results above provincial average in every measure of Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar;
- Continued its focus on literacy, assessment for learning, instructional leadership, collaborative professional development, safe and caring learning environment and meaningful school goals;
- Conducted five school reviews (Kate Andrews High School; Huntsville School; Vulcan Prairieview Elementary; Glenmore Christian Academy and Heritage Christian Academy), a process that includes input from all school staff, students and parents;
- Maintained a system that is student-focused and results driven;
- Conducted the first division-wide stakeholders'
  meeting of students, staff, parents and public that
  brought individuals from across all of Palliser to
  the table to discuss factors contributing to school
  success. "A Community Conversation" was
  positively received by participants;
- Continued to facilitate parental and community involvement by encouraging and supporting school councils. Palliser's Board holds four meetings a years in schools to improve access to trustees across a large division and trustees attend the vast majority of school council meetings in their areas. The division also co-sponsored two election forums during the provincial election campaign;
- Started a Palliser presence on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to further engage the public;
- At year end, August 31, 2012, Palliser had revenues of \$77.599 million and expenses of \$77.189 million, leaving a surplus of \$409,936. Palliser's audited financial statements are online at <a href="http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/docs/library/Palliser\_Audited\_Statements">http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/docs/library/Palliser\_Audited\_Statements</a> 2011-12.pdf

Palliser results from the October 2012 Accountability Pillar from Alberta Education

| Measure<br>Category   | Measure<br>Category<br>Evaluation | Measure   | Palliser<br>Regional<br>Schools (%) | Alberta<br>(%) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Safe and<br>Caring Schools  | Excellent                         | Safe and Caring   | 92.2                                | 88.6           |
| Student<br>Learning<br>Opportunities                                      | Excellent                         | Program of Studies                                      | 81.6                                | 80.7           |
|   |                                   | Education Quality                                       | 92.9                                | 89.4           |
|   |                                   | Drop Out Rate   | 2.4                                 | 3.2            |
|   |                                   | High School<br>Completion Rate (3 yr)                   | 83.0                                | 74.1           |
| Student<br>Learning<br>Achievement<br>(Grades K-9)                        | Excellent                         | PAT: Acceptable   | 89.1                                | 79.1           |
|   |                                   | PAT: Excellence   | 29.3                                | 20.9           |
| Student<br>Learning<br>Achievement<br>(Grades 10-12)                      | Excellent                         | Diploma: Acceptable                                     | 90.2                                | 83.5           |
|   |                                   | Diploma: Excellence                                     | 24.0                                | 18.6           |
|   |                                   | Diploma Exam<br>Participation Rate<br>(4+ Exams)        | 61.0                                | 56.2           |
|   |                                   | Rutherford Scholarship<br>Eligibility Rate<br>(Revised) | 73.1                                | 61.5           |
| Preparation<br>for Lifelong<br>Learning,<br>World of Work,<br>Citizenship | Excellent                         | Transition Rate (6 yr)                                  | 68.2                                | 58.4           |
|   |                                   | Work Preparation  | 87.0                                | 79.7           |
|   |                                   | Citizenship   | 88.0                                | 82.5           |
| Parental<br>Involvement   | Excellent                         | Parental Involvement                                    | 87.3                                | 79.7           |
| Continuous<br>Improvement   | Excellent                         | School Improvement                                      | 83.4                                | 80.0           |

Palliser's complete performance results can be viewed in our full "Report to the Community," on our website at <a href="www.pallisersd.ab.ca">www.pallisersd.ab.ca</a>. For a paper copy, please call 403-328-4111 or 1-877-667-1234 toll-free.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for their focused efforts to support student learning, to our parents and communities for their support of our schools and to our students for being active and engaged partners in the learning process.

Our mission: Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.





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