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EICS Appoints Acting Superintendent

Sherwood Park, AB –Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Dr. Garry Andrews to the position of Acting Superintendent effective November 1, 2011. EICS presently serves 16 schools with more than 5,200 students.

Dr. Andrews joins EICS highly regarded, having enjoyed an extensive and successful career in the field of education. He brings significant experience in educational leadership, as well as demonstrated skills in strategic planning and school-based financial matters.

Dr. Andrews' leadership roles include Director of Education in Prince Albert Catholic Schools and Swift Current Catholic Schools in Saskatchewan. He served as Superintendent of Prairieland School Division and later, Palliser Regional School Division, the role from which he recently retired. Dr. Andrews remains active in education by providing professional services to the Charter Schools Association of Alberta and to Lethbridge College.

"Securing a diversely experienced Acting Superintendent was a priority for the Board, to ensure the Division maintains a high standard of leadership", said Tony Sykora, Board Chair. "We are confident in Garry's ability to build relationships and work collaboratively with our team to continue to provide quality Catholic education for all students in EICS. The Revisioning project and the opening of the new high school are just two examples of initiatives that will benefit from Garry's leadership."

"I'm very pleased to join the EICS family and look forward to working with all the stakeholders who constitute such a well-regarded and respected Catholic community", said Dr. Andrews.

Dr. Andrews' appointment to the position of Acting Superintendent is for six months while the Board begins the process of searching for a permanent superintendent.

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EICS, part of Alberta's publicly funded education system, is committed to developing educational opportunities in the context of Gospel values. EICS is dedicated to providing quality, faith-based learning environments to students of any background and faith, where their skills are nurtured and celebrated by dedicated, caring staff.

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