

February 26, 2025

Dear parents, families and guardians,

I am writing to inform you that Superintendent Darrel Robertson has notified the Board of Trustees about his intention to retire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, after an extraordinary career spanning 30 years with Edmonton Public Schools, including the last 12 years serving as Superintendent of Schools.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Darrel for his dedicated service, professionalism and unwavering commitment to students.

During his 12 years at the helm, Superintendent Robertson has transformed our organization with a clear and consistent student-focused lens. His visionary leadership has been instrumental in fostering a culture of collaboration, accountability, equity, integrity and innovation, always prioritizing the needs and well-being of students.

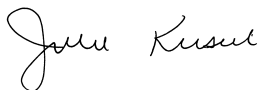
His leadership has been characterized by a deep belief in the power of "one team" working in service to students, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. He championed initiatives that have strengthened teaching and learning, enhanced student support services, and fostered strong connections with our communities. Superintendent Robertson has always lived his value of "servant leadership," working tirelessly to remove barriers to student success. He leads with heart, understanding the importance of relationships and transparency.

He is a recipient of the prestigious Canadian Association of School System Administrators Superintendent of the Year Award and the College of Alberta School Superintendents EXL Award for excellence in school leadership, a testament to his outstanding contributions to education. He was also honoured with the Alumni Honour Award from the University of Alberta, further highlighting his distinguished career and impact on the educational landscape.

We are immensely grateful for Superintendent Robertson's decades of service to the students and staff of Edmonton Public Schools. He has left an indelible mark on thousands of students, shaping their lives and inspiring them to achieve their dreams. His passion for education and his unwavering dedication to students will be deeply missed.

The Board of Trustees will be embarking on a national search for a new superintendent to lead Edmonton Public Schools. We are committed to finding a leader who will build upon Superintendent Robertson's legacy and continue to champion the success of students. We will share more information about the recruitment process as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



Julie Kusiek
Board Chair