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RDCRS enrolment of 10,364 students for the 2020-2021 school year

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' official enrolment for the 2020-2021 school year is at 10,364 students as of September 30, 2020.

This number includes the [at-home learning program](#) of 1114 students, where learning cohorts are led by teachers from our schools. Also, this encompasses our [Traditional Home Education Program](#) of 1095 students, where the parent/guardian is the teacher.

The official enrolment is at a one per cent decrease from the previous school year.

“Due to the economic climate and COVID-19, this year our schools are seeing a decrease in enrolment. However, the quality of education will remain the same and we will continue to strive for excellence within our division. Currently, we are focusing on identifying the progression of student learning and the creation of supportive systems, as well as enhanced health/safety measures in our schools,” said Acting Superintendent of Schools, Kathleen Finnigan at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

Our staff community is made up of approximately 571 teachers and 416 support staff including administration, transportation, and maintenance.

École Our Lady of the Rosary School in Sylvan Lake received two modular classrooms this summer. These two modulars will allow École Our Lady of the Rosary School to become Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 4 this school year and École Mother Teresa School Grade 5-9. This provided more classroom availability at École Mother Teresa School allowing for more flexibility in overall timetabling of students and teachers in instructional spaces. St. Thomas Aquinas

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Middle School also received two modular classrooms. This school is currently over capacity and these two additional modulars helped to create more space for student learning.

Recently, Alberta Infrastructure has approved the use of the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) in the building of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. IPD is a collaborative alliance of people, systems, business structures and practices that are put into a process that harnesses the talents and insights of all participants to optimize project results, increase value to the owner, reduce waste, and maximize efficiency through all phases of design, fabrication, and construction.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,360 students in 20 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds, as well as an at-home learning program. It also supports the learning of over 1095 students in a Traditional Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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