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### **RDCRS Edwin Parr Award and RDCRS Excellence in Catholic Education Award:**

To honour excellence in first-year teachers, the Board of Trustees has selected Kaitlyn McCulloch from St. Patrick's Community School as the Division's finalist for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) 2024 Edwin Parr Award. Kaitlyn was one of two teachers nominated for this award from across the Division. Vanessa Stang from St. Gregory the Great, was also nominated for this award. In total, six Edwin Parr Teacher Award winners will be recognized at a provincial level by ASBA at its Fall General Meeting.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is also pleased to recognize Gillian Hallam, Grade 1 teacher and Faith Coach at Father Henri Voisin School in Red Deer, who received the 2024 Excellence in Catholic Education Award. Presented annually by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA), the Excellence in Catholic Education Award recognizes Catholic 'teachers' in Alberta who have done an exemplary job in preparing youth to grow into outstanding Catholic citizens.

### **Budget Assumptions Report:**

The Board of Trustees approved the Budget Assumptions Report presented by the Secretary-Treasurer that included budget assumptions to formulate the 2024-2025 budget. The Division continues to experience an increase in average costs for staff benefits and additional costs for services, contracts and supplies and this has put significant pressure on the budget when there is no offsetting increase to base funding. The Division is projecting a deficit of \$4.2 million for the current school year and will be below the total required minimum operating reserves. The Division will have to make significant adjustments to its spending to balance the budget and restore both operating and capital reserves to acceptable levels.

For more information regarding the Budget Assumptions Report, please click [here](#).

**Superintendent Report:**

RDCRS has established a partnership with the YMCA and been utilizing the services provided by their Alternative Suspension Program. This program provides school administration with an option to consider when a student is suspended from school. This program provides opportunities for students to work on the curricular outcomes when they are away from the classroom and participate in group workshops based on the reason(s) for the referral. They are also prepared for re-integration by the team at the YMCA and that team member will even attend the reintegration meeting back at the school. .

For more information regarding the Superintendent Report, please click [here](#).

**The next Board Meeting will take place on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.**



**Murray Hollman**, Board Chair

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