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## EICS Releases Dashboard Reporting for the Division's Success Measures

*Sherwood Park, AB* – As announced in June 2015, as one of five Alberta School Divisions participating in the Assurance Planning pilot, the Division has been provided with additional flexibility to develop its plans, success measures and reports based on the needs of the community it serves.

In Spring 2015, parents, students, staff and the general community were invited to contribute their concerns and positive comments regarding the Division and its schools. Over 850 people contributed almost 1,700 of these thoughts, which were then returned back to the community for prioritization. With over 50,000 stars directed to these thoughts, the Division conducted an extensive analysis to understand what the community is telling it and how to move forward. The end result was the development of the <u>Divisional Priorities</u> and success measures that guided the school and divisional plans for the 2015-16 school year.

The Success Measures have been carefully crafted by listening to the community in what is important and creating a balanced approach to reporting how successful EICS is in meeting the priorities of the community. Examples of success measures the Division uses are provincial accountability measures, results from surveys of parents, students and staff this Spring as well as bus ride times, class sizes and the dollars allocated under priority based budgeting.

Now available for viewing, EICS has developed a <u>Dashboard</u> for the community to review EICS and its schools' performance in the Division's priorities in real time. The dashboard also will be the mechanism for Division and school staff to reflect on the results and provide the community with its plan for improvement on an annual basis.

"EICS has committed to authentically engaging our community and transparently reporting back on how we are doing with respect to the priorities that we created together," explained Superintendent Michael Hauptman. "The <u>dashboard</u> is one of the tools that EICS that we can use to show our partners how we are doing now and how we are planning to get even better results across our division."

The <u>Dashboard</u> will continue to be updated as the Division receives the results of parent, staff and student surveys and other results for the 2015-16 school year. The Division is strongly encouraging the community to participate in its survey so their voice can be heard in the Division's planning process.

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