

News Release
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Board Chair, Mr. Vijay Domingo, accepts *Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards* on behalf of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools

Mr. Vijay Domingo, Board Chair, accepts 15 awards at the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Award ceremony

Okotoks ... Mr. Vijay Domingo, Board Chair of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools accepted, on behalf of the school jurisdiction, a total of fifteen awards at the recent *Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Award (MELRA)* ceremony that took place on November 2 in Calgary.

“We are blessed to have great teachers, support staff, administrators, very supportive parents and, above all else, wonderful students who do their best to meet the high expectations we, as a Board, have established,” said Mr. Domingo. “I was pleased to see the extent of the improvements and very high achievements in our jurisdiction.”



Vijay Domingo, Chair of the Board and Mary Stengler, Vice Chair display the MELRA award certificates at the most recent Board meeting in Okotoks. Joining them, from left to right, are trustees David Lunn, Joanne Van Donzel, Ron Schreiber, Harry Salm and Dale Rolheiser.

The *MELRA* program was created by Alberta education in collaboration with key education stakeholder representatives. The purpose is to formally recognize and celebrate significant improvement and very high achievement of jurisdiction leadership teams which are comprised of boards and district administrators.

It is based on the Accountability Pillar which was designed by stakeholders as a means of collecting objective criteria and data results from a broad set of measures related to school quality. As such, the Accountability Pillar provides valuable information with regards to the annual performance of each publicly funded school jurisdiction in the province.

Specifically, Mr. Domingo accepted the following awards in the two designated standards:

Significant Improvement

- Drop Out Rate
- Fine Arts
- Other Non-Diploma
- Practical Arts

Very High Achievement

- Safe and Caring Schools
- Education Quality
- Drop Out Rate
- Diploma Exam: Acceptable
- Diploma Exam: Excellence
- Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate
- Citizenship
- Practical Arts
- Fine Arts
- Healthful Living
- Other Non-Diploma

In accepting these fifteen awards, the Board has acknowledged, with great thanks and appreciation, the tremendous efforts and accomplishments of all those involved in providing high quality faith-based educational experiences for the more than 7000 students served in Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools.

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