

“Stop the Cuts”

With the Archdiocese’s recent announcement concerning casinos we are worried that casino fundraisers for Catholic schools in Edmonton will soon be banned.

This decision will have devastating impacts. Because of the **continual reduction in government funding**, Catholic schools have come to rely on this casino money.

At Our Lady of Victories, fundraising dollars from casinos have purchased or funded the following:

- Field trips, Grade 6 Camp Warwa, and skating, swimming and skiing programs.
- Smart Boards, computers and cameras for the classrooms.
- Artist in Residence program, Christmas and spring concerts.
- Computers, accessories for the computer lab.
- Library upgrades and reading material.

We as a community would never be able to raise the tens of thousands of dollars we receive from casinos. The bottom line is that our children’s education will greatly suffer.

We are desperately calling on all parents to get involved today. Please let the decision makers, hear your opinion, by contacting them through one of these ways:

- a) Make *phone calls*
- b) Send letters or notes by *email*
- c) Send letters and mail them directly yourself.

Funding cuts = less teaching and support staff = less resources and larger class sizes

Casino funds loss = less resources, charitable giving and educational opportunities

Here is the contact information you need to help with this matter.

- **Regarding loss of accessibility of casino funds, for Edmonton Catholic Schools.**

Address to Most Reverend Richard Smith and cc to Trustee Debbie Engel.

<p>Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton 8421 – 101 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6A 0L1 Phone : 780-469-1010 Fax: 780-465-3003 Website forwarding email link : http://www.caedm.ca/contact</p>	<p>Debbie Engel, Chair and Trustee of Edmonton Catholic Schools 9807- 106 street Edmonton, T5k 1C2 Tel: 780-481-8457((This is her residence phone number, but that is correct). Fax: 780-486-7200 debbie.engel@ecsd.net</p>
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- **Regarding provincial education funding cuts**

Address to Minister of Education, Dave Hancock and cc to Premier Stelmach, Debbie Engel, & your MLA.

<p>Minister of Education, Dave Hancock</p> <p>Room 224 Legislature Building 10800 – 97 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6</p> <p>Phone: (780) 413-5970 Fax: (780) 413-5971 edmonton.whitemud@assembly.ab.ca</p>	<p>The Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta</p> <p>Office of the Premier Room 307, Legislature Building 10800 - 97th Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6</p> <p>Phone: (780) 427 2251 Fax: (780) 427 1349 fortsaskatchewan.vegreville@assembly.ab.ca</p>
<p>Debbie Engel, Chair and Trustee of Edmonton Catholic Schools</p> <p>9807- 106 street Edmonton, T5k 1C2</p> <p>Tel: 780-481-8457 (This is her residence phone number, but that is correct). Fax: 780-486-7200 debbie.engel@ecsd.net</p>	<p>MLA: www.assembly.ab.ca/net/index.aspx?p=mla_home</p> <p>Dr. Raj Sherman: <i>Constituency Office</i> Suite 220, 8944 182 Street Edmonton, AB Canada T5T 2E3 Phone: (780) 414-0711 (780) 414-0711 Fax: (780) 414-0713 edmonton.meadowlark@assembly.ab.ca</p>

With the recent Health care announcements showing decisions can be reversed, we are hopeful that the same will occur with provincial funding for the Education sector.

Thanks in advance for writing letters to the Government of Alberta and also our Archdiocese.