

## 19 school boards vie for \$5,000 award

Summaries of the 19 projects school boards entered for the 2002 Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence are posted on the ASBA website (front page) at <http://www.asba.ab.ca>. The \$5,000 award, sponsored by The Document Company Xerox, will be presented at the ASBA Fall General Meeting on Tuesday November 19.

The projects ranged from a program for pregnant and parenting teens, an international conference which attracts 1,500 participants each year and a video-conference system which is used for high school distance education, and curriculum coordinator sessions.

### 19 entries:

#### The PACE Outreach School

Battle River Regional Division No.31

#### The Kara Program for Pregnant and Parenting Students

Calgary RCSSD No. 1

#### Improving Student Services Through Professional Development

Chinooks Edge School Division No.73

#### Amiskwaciy Academy

Edmonton School District No. 7

#### Reaching & Teaching - An Alberta International Conference

Golden Hills School Division No. 75

#### Basic Education Videoconference Network - 3V (Voice Video Vantage)

Grande Yellowhead  
Regional Division No. 25

#### Mobile CTS Facility

Grasslands Regional Division No. 6

Horizon Student Leadership Council  
Horizon School Division No. 67

Board Poverty Intervention Committee  
Lethbridge School District No. 51

Laptops Project: Learning Anywhere  
Program To Optimize Pupil Success  
Livingstone Range  
School Division No. 68

School Travelling Art Program  
Northern Gateway  
Regional Division No. 10

SPARK: Supporting Positive Learning,  
Achievement & Research for Kids - a  
district-wide AISI Project  
Palliser Regional Division No. 26

Greening and Renewing Our World  
(GROW)  
Parkland School Division No. 70

Peace River School Division Integrated  
Wireless Network for Information and  
Communication Technology  
Peace River School Division No. 10

Alberta Distance Learning Centre  
Reaching and Teaching Students at a  
Distance  
Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7

Alternative School Programs  
Red Deer Public  
School District No. 104

Girls Empowered  
St. Albert Protestant  
School District No. 6

Placing Accountability Upon a  
Student's Education (PAUSE)  
St. Paul Education  
Regional Division No. 1

Exploring Strategies For Teaching And  
Assessment (ESTA)  
Wild Rose School Division No. 66

## ASBA staff away Dec. 4 to 6, 2002

The ASBA staff will be away from the office from 1:30 p.m., Dec. 4 to Dec. 6 for the association's annual staff retreat. Central reception will be open. Phone: 1.780.482.7311.

## Public satisfaction with education -- poll

According to an August 2002 Leger Marketing poll of 1500 Canadians, 59 per cent of Albertans are very/somewhat satisfied with the education system and 15 per cent are somewhat/very dissatisfied and 26 per cent indicated they didn't know.

Nationally, 26 per cent of people indicated they were dissatisfied with their education system.

While 30 per cent of Canadians indicated they want teachers to make students' sense of fulfillment a priority, just 24 per cent of Albertans said that should be the focus. Albertans placed almost as high a priority on the issue of student failure with 23 per cent saying this should be teachers' priority compared with the national average of 22 per cent.

Asked about values that should be transmitted to students, Canadians cited respect towards others at 23 per cent and a love of learning (20 per cent) among the top values.

Seventy-one per cent of Canadians say they would be in favor of the Federal Government investing more in public education – with 21 per cent opposed.

To view a complete copy of the poll visit the Leger Marketing website at <http://www.legermarketing.com/english/call.asp?type=1&page=67>