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Annual elementary school rankings out today—Calgary outperforms Edmonton

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CALGARY—Calgary has nearly double the number of schools that Edmonton has in the top 100 of the Fraser Institute’s annual ranking of Alberta elementary schools released today.

The *Report Card on Alberta’s Elementary Schools, 2018* ranks 819 public, separate, francophone, independent and charter schools based on seven academic indicators derived from provincewide test results.

“Educators in Edmonton should ask their counterparts in Calgary what, if anything, Calgary schools do differently so schools in the Edmonton area might learn and improve,” said Peter Cowley, director of school performance studies at the Fraser Institute and co-author of the report.

Of the 103 top-ranked schools provincewide, 58 were from Calgary and the surrounding area compared to only 31 from the Edmonton area. Notably, Edmonton actually has more schools (276) than Calgary (249) included in the ranking.

This year’s report card also found a statistically significant improvement in the average Grade 6 math and science test results (for all Alberta schools) over the past four years. Average math scores increased from 56.6 per cent in 2013 to 61.5 per cent in 2017, and science scores jumped from 66.2 per cent to 69.5 per cent over the same period.

Across Alberta, 46 schools experienced statistically significant declines in their ratings over the past four years, and 40 schools—located across the province—improved over the same period.

“No one type of school has a monopoly on improvement, and successful schools find ways to improve no matter what challenges their students face,” Cowley said.

For detailed results of all 819 schools, to see how individual schools performed over the past four years, or to compare schools, visit www.compareschoolrankings.org.

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