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### Enrolment in RVS soars

Student enrolment in Rocky View Schools continues to soar. The jurisdiction's Sept. 30, 2009, count revealed there are 16,570 students enrolled in Rocky View, an increase of 404 students from Sept. 30, 2008.

"In 2008, Rocky View was a few students short of being the largest school jurisdiction, outside of the metro boards in Calgary and Edmonton," said Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass. "With a growth of over 400 students, we have moved into this position."

Bass credited the jurisdiction's progressive three year plan for transforming instructional practices to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner and its strong lineup of educational programs and student services as the primary reasons families continue to be attracted to Rocky View Schools.

"Results of our recent satisfaction survey reveal that students, parents and staff are attuned, enthusiastic and keen about the direction we're headed. We're light years ahead of others in the province in terms of helping our students become creative, critical thinkers - and parents like it.

"We are also working very hard to meet the needs of our communities. This year we opened our fourth French Immersion program in the Chestermere area for students in kindergarten and grade one. Further we are working with private operators to develop before and after school care programs in four of our elementary schools," Bass said.

Rocky View Schools growth rate of 2.5 percent over last year, far exceeds enrolment increases of both Calgary Boards. Earlier this month Calgary Board of Education reported growth of 0.5 percent and the Catholic District stated it saw its student population grow by 1.3 percent.

"Families recognize that our communities are good places to live and raise a family," said Bass. "Now we need the government to show its value of Rocky View Schools by providing us with new schools to accommodate this growth.

The province has responded to the growth in the major centres with 26 new schools to be opened in 2010 and 2012. Rocky View Schools will open one new school in 2012.

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