



Yellowknife Catholic Schools

School Tax Support – You have a choice!

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All ratepayers in the City of Yellowknife have the option of allocating where their property taxes go. A ratepayer can declare their support from 1% to 100% to either school district. All property owners receive a Notice of Assessment in January indicating prior year's school tax support and asking for any changes for the coming taxation period. If the homeowner wishes to change this support, they must do so in writing within 45 days of the mailing date of the assessment notice. Your school tax allocated monies will apply to the 2010-2011 school year.

If a ratepayer does not declare a specific school tax support then taxes are allocated on an enrolment ratio. Currently the enrolment split is 58.01% to Yellowknife Education District No. 1 and 41.99% to Yellowknife Catholic Schools. When a property is sold, the declaration automatically reverts back to the enrolment split and it is up to the new property owner to declare their new declaration if it is different from the enrolment split.

If you are not already doing so and own property in Yellowknife and wish to allocate all or some of your education tax levy to Yellowknife Catholic Schools, you may use the “*Notice of Property Tax Change*” attached to this notice and return it to our office (5124-49 Street), one of our school offices or to the City of Yellowknife by **February 22, 2010**. This information, along with the City of Yellowknife Tax Guide for 2010 is also available on our district website home page at www.ycs.nt.ca.

We are committed to our evolving Strategic Plan and our goal, as always, is to improve upon student achievement and service to all of our constituents. This is possible as a result of your support. Our ability to deliver a quality, Catholic, Christian learning environment, as reflected in our mission statement, is a direct result of your support. The added revenue from tax dollars translates into financial flexibility allowing value-added programming in a number of key areas. It can be seen in our quality facilities, our French Immersion and Aboriginal Language programs, Band program, KCTC programs, literacy support, improved Math programs and computers/technology and lower pupil/teacher ratios.

You are welcome to learn more about our programs and to become more involved with our schools. We thank you in advance for your support of Catholic education in the north.