

PRESS RELEASE

GRAY ACADEMY OF JEWISH EDUCATION MARKS ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ACCREDITATION

May 16, 2007 – Gray Academy of Jewish Education commemorates the upcoming one year anniversary of receiving accreditation from the Canadian Educational Standards Institute (CESI).

The purpose of CESI is to develop and promote high educational standards for schools in Canada and to foster compliance while recognizing the independence, integrity and uniqueness of its individual member schools. CESI develops rigorous standards of educational and operational practice and evaluates member schools in meeting those standards in the fulfillment of their mission.

Gray Academy was awarded accreditation based on ten (10) standards of excellence:

- Purposes and Objectives
- Values, Discipline and Extra-Curriculum
- Academic Programme
- School Organization
- Personnel
- School and Community
- Admissions Procedures
- Governance
- Corporate Structure and Finance
- Plant and Management

In the final CESI report, the review committee comprised of eleven academic personnel and administration from across Canada, found that “Gray Academy has created a rigorous and sound programme designed to give students the tools to become life-long learners committed to their community, to Canadian values, and to service to others.”

Additionally, the report highlighted that “the CESI Visiting Committee found a school community committed to the transmission of Jewish learning and the Jewish tradition, and to excellence in all forms of education.”

Gray Academy of Jewish Education has achieved a remarkable milestone by joining a prestigious group of fifty-seven (57) schools from across the country, Bermuda and Switzerland that have met the rigorous standards set out by CESI.

In their concluding remarks, the accreditation team stated last year that, “Gray Academy is a great school with strong academic standards and expectations. It offers a commendable range of programmes and services for students and has a sense of community and shared values that provide a benchmark of excellence for other Jewish Day Schools.”

Students at Gray Academy receive enriched program opportunities and are introduced to a variety of teaching methodologies and learning environments; at the core of its uniqueness is the combined General and Judaic Studies curriculum. Gray Academy also

offers Hebrew, English as an Additional Language and Special Education, with a Guidance Program that focuses on study skills, relationships and healthy lifestyles.

Gray Academy of Jewish Education is a JK-Grade 12 university preparatory school that places equal value on Jewish and General academic programs, and provides opportunities to nurture the emotional well-being and spiritual development of all students.

Gray Academy is one of three schools in the Winnipeg area to be accredited by CESI and the second Jewish Day School in Canada to be awarded this distinction.

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