



February 20, 2024

*In remembrance of the founding of Sakinah Circle*

Assalamu ‘alaykum dear Sakinah parents,

On March 23, 2010, the Board of Trustees approved the establishment of Sakinah Circle as an Alternative Program to deliver Alberta Program of Studies from the Qur’anic worldview. This was a historical decision in many respects: Sakinah Circle became the first program in a Canadian school district to offer programming based on the Qur’anic worldview; since the Board of Trustees had simultaneously recognized the significance of the two sacred celebrations by allowing holidays for the two ‘Īds, the Edmonton Public leaped ahead of all other school divisions in North America to do so (New York and other school districts followed a few years later); and most importantly, Sakinah Circle became the first program in the public education system to use a philosophy of education derived from the Qur’ān.



What happened on that evening of March 23, 2010 had years of work behind it. MEF had approached the District in 2007 for this Alternative Program and a small team of educators belonging to MEF and District staff worked for three years to prepare the blueprint of this initiative. A curriculum document was developed which elucidates “how students in Sakinah Circle will internalize the enduring understandings inherent in the Sakinah Circle approach, as specifically identified in each subject/unit.”

[This 295-page document](#) (which includes a section called “Enduring Understandings”) provides a roadmap for delivering Alberta Program of Studies from the Qur’anic worldview.

To celebrate this historic event, in gratitude and remembrance, Muslim Education Foundation (MEF) and Sakinah Society (SS) are organizing an *Iftar* for the evening of March 22, 2024 at Grace Martin School.

Please join us for this celebration. We hope you will enjoy this evening in the company of Sakinah parents, community leaders, current and past members of Board of Trustees, local MLAs, past Sakinah Principals and educators from other schools in the city.



Looking forward to seeing you.

Muslim Education Foundation-Sakinah Society

