Angus McBeath is an AIMS Fellow in Public Education Reform. As superintendent of the public schools in Edmonton, Mr. McBeath lead the ongoing effort to improve student achievement in that city’s public school system.

In the early 1970s, Edmonton Public Schools began a process to strengthen and extend choice by opening up its boundaries so students could attend any school in the district, creating internal competition among schools so they would tailor their programs to attract students. From there, the district began offering programs of choice across the city to create even more choice for students and parents.

Just over ten years ago, a district wide plan was developed and implemented to raise the quality of teaching and leading by providing a multi-year training regime to help teachers and principals increase their skills to improve student achievement results and increase the high school completion rate for students. This systematic effort to seek improvement saw dramatic increases in student achievement results in those areas.

Mr. McBeath will describe this process in his talk at UNB. Please join us.