



AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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| 1.2 Thank You Letter re History of Catholic Education in the Niagara Region Book
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| 1.4 Thank You Letter re History of Catholic Education in the Niagara Region Book
Most Reverend A.F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton | D1.4 |
| 1.5 Thank You Letter re History of Catholic Education in the Niagara Region Book
Most Reverend Fred J. Colli, Bishop of the Diocese of Thunder Bay | D1.5 |
| 1.6 Thank You Letter re History of Catholic Education in the Niagara Region Book
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| 4.4 Arts & Culture Specialist High Skills Major Launch
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| 4.5 Niagara Children's Charter Enacted Community Action Session - November 20, 2009 | D4.5 |
| 4.6 Niagara Catholic Retirement and Recognition Dinner - June 26, 2010 | - |
| 5. Open Question Period | - |
| <i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i> | |

E. NOTICES OF MOTION**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA****G. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION****H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS****I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE****J. ADJOURNMENT**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of Board Meeting of September 29, 2009, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Dekker.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau	✓	
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓	
Megan Grocholsky	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2009, as amended:

ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC AGENDA

ITEM B1 – St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School

ITEM B2 – OFSSA Medalist – Notre Dame College School

DELETION FROM THE PUBLIC AGENDA

ITEM B2 – OFSSA Medalist – Denis Morris Catholic High School

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings**

5.1 **June 16, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 16, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 **June 22, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 22, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco welcomed a delegation of staff, Catholic School Council members and friends from St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School.

Trustees, Director Crocco and Senior Staff recognized and honored Principal Enrico Schirru, Teacher Bryan Caldwell, and parents who saved the lives of students at the Annual Wainfleet Fall Fair Parade last week when a vintage car following behind the students lost its braking ability and began to drive directly towards the students. Mr. Caldwell attempted to stop the car while Principal Schirru and other staff members of St. Elizabeth successfully moved students out of the way of the vehicle.

2. **OFSSA Medalists**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, called upon Michael Sheahan, Physical Education Consultant, who presented information on the OFSSA Medalists being recognized at the Board meeting.

- ***Saint Paul Catholic High School***
Student Matthew Diston - OFSSA Gold Medalist - Senior Boys' Pole Vault
- ***Notre Dame College School***
Grade 12 student Zack Frey – Gold Medalist - 72kg Senior Single - Canadian Secondary School Rowing Assoc Regatta

Chairperson Burtnik congratulated the students on their accomplishments. The students were presented with a Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Athletics” pins in honor of their achievements.

3. **Specialist High Skills Major – Niagara Catholic Motorsports Championship**

Superintendent Baldasaro called upon Marco Magazenni, Technology/Specialist High Skills Major Consultant, to present information on the Specialist High Skills Major - Niagara Catholic Motorsports Championship. The Niagara Catholic District School Board race car which was completely designed and built by students and driven by technician Aaron Vasas, experienced a very successful inaugural racing season at Humberstone Speedway. All monies won by the race team in recognition of their various Championship Races were donated to local charities.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **School Excellence Program – Loretto Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent of Education Forsyth-Sells introduced Terry Antoniou, Principal of Loretto Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Antoniou with the assistance of students and staff showcased Loretto Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Antoniou, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

2. **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of 15, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009.

2.1 Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Facilitator

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the selection of Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development phase of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at a projected cost as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

CARRIED

2.2 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the months of June, July and August 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at August 31, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2009

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3.1 Appointment to S.E.A.C.

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Dianne Radunsky as a representative of Ontario Brain Injury Association to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4. **H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management**

Director Crocco presented the update on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management. He informed Trustees that the Board is in the process of installing additional hand sanitizer dispensers in every elementary and secondary school which are located in corridors outside of each Library Information Centre, Computer Lab and Instrumental Music Classroom.

The Plant Department has directed caretakers and cleaners to ensure that all doorknobs, railings, desks and commonly touched hard surfaces are disinfected twice daily, once during the day and at the end of the day in preparation for the next school day.

5. **Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics – 2008-2009**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells and Robert DiPersio, Administrator of Special Projects, presented a summary of the report on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics – 2008-2009.

Trustees asked questions of staff.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence**

1.1 **Carousel Players – Thank You Letter for Support of Niagara Artists**

Director Crocco presented a letter from the Carousel Players complimenting and thanking Niagara Catholic District School Board FSL/ELS/Music Consultant Jayne Evans for her work in supporting the Niagara Artists in the classroom

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

3. **General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Nil Report

4. **Trustee Information**

4.1 **Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 15, 2009**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 15, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 **Calendar of Events – September 2009**

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – September 2009 for Trustees' information.

4.3 Defibrillators

Director Crocco gave a verbal report on the Board's investigation regarding the purchase of defibrillators for the all secondary schools in the system, and the result of being in final negotiations with a foundation who will provide the units as well as training for staff members.

Currently, Saint Paul Catholic Secondary School and Loretto Catholic Elementary School have the portable units which were provided through the generosity of a family in the Niagara Catholic system who's child died a number of years ago.

4.4 Establishment of Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committees

Director Crocco gave a verbal report on the establishment of Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committees for St. Catharines and Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Schools and for St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools, based upon Pupil Accommodation Review recommendations presented to the Board on June 16, 2009.

The Director suggested that the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committees for St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and Niagara Falls be incorporated given the boundaries are adjacent to Niagara Falls.

The procedure to be followed was outlined, with the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committees meeting as a whole, followed by school clustered meetings with the Catholic School Councils and school communities. The Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committees would meet again to consider the feedback, and be followed by a town hall meeting to present the recommendations to the entire community. A final report will be presented at the January 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Trustees Burtnik, Charbonneau and Scalzi volunteered to sit on the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Schools.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee be combined with the St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee, and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the final report of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee be presented to the Board through the Committee of the Whole no later and January 2010.

CARRIED

Trustees Dekker, Fera and Nieuwesteeg volunteered to sit on the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee - Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools.

4.5 Mentor Connector Steering Committee

Director Crocco gave a verbal report on the Mentor Connector Steering Committee and stated that Niagara Catholic will be offering the Mentor Connector Program system wide to all Grades 7 – 10 students in place of the Provincial Homework Help Model.

The Committee will include the Director of Education as the Chair of the Committee, one Trustee, one Superintendent of Education, Federation representation, a Student Success Leader, a Consultant, the Board's Chief Technology Officer, Elementary and Secondary Principals, and University Representation consisting of Deans and Professors. Trustee Dekker volunteered to sit on the Committee with Trustee Charbonneau as backup.

4.6 OCSTA Update

Chairperson Burtnik presented a verbal update on OCSTA.

4.7 OCSTA - 2010 AGM & Conference – Resolutions

Chairperson Burtnik presented information on the OCSTA - 2010 AGM & Conference and Resolutions.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of June 16, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of September 19, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of June 16, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the September 29, 2009 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 29, 2009**.

Approved on the **27th** day of **October 2009**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: 2009 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE
CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONS**

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



Chess Program Newsletter

Yolanda Baldasaro, **Superintendent of Education - Student Achievement**
Mark Lefebvre, **Administrator-School Effectiveness Framework**
Andy Ciprò, **Principal St. Edward Catholic School & Chess Tournament Co-coordinator**



September 2009

Special points of interest:

- Why A Chess Program Newsletter
- Elementary and Secondary School Chess



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Why A Chess Program Newsletter?

One of the main reasons why it was decided to publish a Chess Program newsletter is because more and more schools are starting to incorporate Chess as part of their regular instructional program and all but two Elementary Schools participated in the 4 Regional Area Chess Tournaments that **were held this past April**.

Elementary School Chess

2009 Junior and Intermediate Chess Team Championships

The Chess Instructional Program is an integral part of **the Ministry's Mathematics** curriculum. **This** program is designed to enrich the mandated Ontario Mathematics & Literacy expectations. It promotes higher level thinking and problem solving skills; presents EQAO style questions and game scenarios. Studies prove that there is a great benefit to the students when Chess is taught as part of the regular curriculum.

Why a Chess Curriculum Program

1. Studies prove that there is a great benefit to the students when Chess is taught as part of the regular curriculum.
2. A Chess curriculum program will serve to enhance current curriculum practices.
3. Through the medium of Chess, children learn disciplined thinking skills, which are applicable to other intellectual endeavours.
4. The Chess Program may be used to cover mandated Provincial Mathematics & Language Expectations.

Dr. Robert Ferguson states that "The discipline of Chess provides the necessary fourth 'R' in education — **REASONING**. Dr. Ferguson states that Chess Education is extremely effective with children because:

1. Chess involves all levels of critical thinking (knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis & evaluation).
2. Chess requires forethought and cultivates visualization skills.
3. Chess improves problem solving skills
4. Chess encourages children to overcome the fear of risk taking.
5. Chess teaches concentration and self-discipline.
6. Chess enables children to assume responsibility for their decisions.
7. Chess rewards determination and perseverance.
8. Chess raises self-esteem and promotes good sportsmanship.

Chess encourages socialization skills that extend across cultures and generations.

2009 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENTS



Results of the 2009 Regional Area 1, 2, 3 and 4 Elementary Schools Chess Tournaments

Results of Regional Area 1 Elementary Schools Chess Tournament:

Junior Division:

- Gold – Loretto Catholic
- Silver – Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Bronze – Father Hennepin
- 4th – St. Josephs

Intermediate Division:

- Gold – St. Patrick, N.F
- Silver – St. Joseph, Snyder
- Bronze – Father Hennepin
- 4th – St. Philomena

Results of Regional Area 3 Elementary Schools Chess Tournament:

Junior Division:

- Gold – Canadian Martyrs, St. Cath.
- Silver – St. Alfred, St. Cath.
- Bronze – St. Anthony, St. Cath.
- 4th – St. Michael, St. Cath.

Intermediate Division:

- Gold – Canadian Martyrs, St. Cath.
- Silver – St. Christopher
- Bronze – St. Anthony, St. Cath.
- 4th – St. Alfred, St. Cath.

Results of Regional Area 2 Elementary Schools Chess Tournament:

Junior Division:

- Gold – St. Alexander - Team #1
- Silver – Alexander Kuska
- Bronze – St. Alexander - Team #2
- 4th – St. Augustine

Intermediate Division:

- Gold – St. Alexander
- Silver – Alexander Kuska
- Bronze – St. Patrick
- 4th – St. Andrew

Results of Regional Area 4 Elementary Schools Chess Tournament:

Junior Division:

- Gold – St. Ann, St. Cath.
- Silver – St. Mark, Team #1
- Bronze – St. Edward, Team #1
- 4th – St. John

Intermediate Division:

- Gold – St. James
- Silver – St. Ann
- Bronze – St. Martin
- 4th – St. Edward



2009 REGIONAL AREA JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPS	
AREA 1	LORETTO CATHOLIC, Niagara Falls
AREA 2	ST. ALEXANDER, Pelham
AREA 3	CANADIAN MARTYRS, St. Catharines
AREA 4	ST. ANN, St. Catharines



2009 REGIONAL AREA INTERMEDIATE DIVISION CHAMPS	
AREA 1	ST. PATRICK, Niagara Falls
AREA 2	ST. ALEXANDER, Pelham
AREA 3	CANADIAN MARTYRS, St. Catharines
AREA 4	ST. JAMES, St. Catharines



NCDSB Over-all Junior and Intermediate Division Champs:

Junior: ST. ALEXANDER, Pelham

Intermediate: ST. ALEXANDER, Pelham



2009 SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Secondary Schools Chess Championship Tournament

All eight Niagara Catholic District School Board Secondary Schools **competed** in the Secondary Schools Chess Championship Tournament that was held at John Michaels Banquet Hall on Wednesday, April 15th.

Each of the eight Secondary Schools fielded a team in each of the grades 9, 10, 11, & 12. Each team was comprised of 6 players ranked from 1st to 5th with the 6th player being a substitute. The following are the results of the Chess Tournament.

Grade 9

Gold – Holy Cross, St. Catharines
Silver – Denis Morris, St. Catharines
Bronze – St. Francis, St. Catharines
4th – Notre Dame, Welland

Grade 11

Gold – Lakeshore Catholic, Port Colborne
Silver – Blessed Trinity, Grimsby
Bronze – St. Paul, N.F.
4th – Denis Morris, St. Catharines

Grade 10

Gold – St. Francis, St. Catharines
Silver – St. Michael, N.F.
Bronze – Holy Cross, St. Catharines
4th – Lakeshore Catholic, Port Colborne

Grade 12

Gold – Notre Dame, Welland
Silver – Blessed Trinity, Grimsby
Bronze – St. Paul, N.F.
4th – St. Francis, St. Catharines

Congratulations to all the chess players that competed in this year's tournament and looking forward to next year's.



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Instructional Chess Making Headlines

Education

Chess makes a move in U.S. schools

June 2, 2009
Ancient game finds new life as teaching tool

By Jillian Berman
USATODAY

POTOMAC, Md. — All Ross Parcoast has to do to get his class at Beverly Farms Elementary School to sit quietly and focus is set up a few chessboards.

Parcoast, who teaches chess before and after school at about nine schools in Montgomery County, says he has seen a resurgence of the game in schools.

And it's not just a local phenomenon. Over the past few years, scholastic chess, or chess for educational purposes, has taken U.S. schools by storm.

"More educators are seeing the impact on their students," says Jerry Nash, scholastic director of the U.S. Chess Federation.

Wendi Fischer of America's Foundation for Chess says she has seen a "huge increase" in the number of schools and students interested in chess. The foundation teaches second- and third-grade teachers how to use chess as a learning tool, through a program called First Move.

When the program started in 2003, it was in one state, serving about 1,500 students. But by 2008, First Move had expanded to 26 states, to serve about 10,000 students.

The aim: to teach critical-thinking skills that help students succeed academically and socially, she says. "One of the basics of the chessboard is that it uses a coordinate system (which is) the basis of algebra."

Chess is one of the activities

that is part of the Abundant Waters after-school program at PS 51 in New York, says founder Marie Buehler, who notes that it teaches children many skills, including how to take notes. "I firmly believe everybody should have to take it," she says. "It's teaching the mind how to think."

Though chess isn't required in most schools, Nash says, programs have been launched in inner-city schools, private schools,

even home schools.

The universal nature of the game is the reason for its popularity. "Chess is an equalizer — it doesn't depend on your size or age. Plus it's very inexpensive."

Parcoast says parent demand is a large part of the reason chess programs have become a staple in many schools. When Parcoast's father, Omar, started the C&D Family Chess Center in Gaithersburg, Md., about seven

years ago, there were so many Parent Teacher Associations asking for programs in their schools that Omar brought Ross on to meet the demand. Now they work with about 25 schools.

"Parents are starting to see chess as an extracurricular activity that has some benefits other than just learning how to play chess," he says. "It carries over into other aspects when it comes to logical thinking."

March 21/09

THE SMART CHILD

Chess is effective teaching tool: study

March 21, 2009 National Post

For parents who simply want their children to excel in school, research has consistently pointed to one tool: chess. It is a game some Nobel laureates have mentioned playing as children.

A number of studies have focused on the benefits of the game. One, published in 2000 and entitled *The Case for Chess as a Tool to Develop Our Children's Minds*, by Professor Peter Dauvergne at the University of Sydney, was based on a summary of other research and concluded chess can raise IQ scores, strengthen problem-solving skills, enhance memory, reading, language and math abilities, foster creative and original thinking and provide practice making accurate and fast decisions under time pressure, a skill useful during exams. It also noted chess can teach children to think logically and efficiently and help with concentration.

Prof. Dauvergne, a chess player himself, concluded, "Chess is one of the most effective teaching tools to prepare children for a world increasingly swamped by information and ever-tougher decisions." He argued chess is one of the few games that "fully exercises our mind" and noted that most children around six or seven can follow the rules and some aged four or five can play. "Like learning a language or music, an early start can help a child become more proficient. Whatever a child's stage, however, chess can enhance concentration, patience and perseverance, as well as develop creativity, intuition, memory and, most importantly, the ability to analyze and deduce from a set of general principles, learning to make tough decisions and solve problems flexibly... It can equally challenge the minds of girls and boys, gifted and average, athletic and non-athletic, rich and poor. It can teach children the importance of planning and the consequences of decisions. It can further teach how to concentrate, how to win and lose gracefully, how to think logically and efficiently, and how to make tough and abstract decisions... Chess can also build confidence and self-esteem without overinflating egos, as some losses are inevitable, even for world champions."

National Post

June 2, 2009 USA Today

• chess can raise I.Q. scores

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
ALEXANDER KUSKA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Catholic School Profile

Alexander Kuska K.S.G.

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Niagara Catholic District School Board

October 2009

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Board Mission Statement

"The Mission of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, as a Catholic Community of learners, is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and values to reach their full potential, with Christ as the Way, the Truth and Light."

School Mission Statement

"As a community of faith, the mission of Alexander Kuska Catholic School is to work in partnership with the home and the parish to provide a Christ-centered learning environment which allows students to grow spiritually, to strive for academic excellence and to become responsible citizens with a love for learning."

School Motto or Theme

*"Faith * Tradition * Excellence"*

Who We Are

The school was named after our former Director and Knight of St. Gregory, Alexander Kuska. Alexander Kuska Catholic School opened in 1979 to meet the growing need in the north end of the City of Welland and consisted of 8 classrooms. Our school has since expanded to meet the needs of our community and now consists of 21 classrooms. This school year marks our 30th anniversary!

- Grades in the school: JK to Grade 8. Total enrolment as of October 2009 – 446
- Our staff includes 18 Classroom Teachers, 2.5 French Teachers, 1 Educational Resource Teacher and 1 Library Technician as well as 4 Educational Assistants.
- Each class is equipped with four computers. Our library also contains a computer lab.
- Our Grades 7 and 8 students attend classes at the Cyberquest Studio. The studio introduces students to broad base technologies including aerospace, engineering design, electronics, desktop publishing, audio-video and robotics.
- In addition to the regular Ontario school program we have a Junior Kindergarten program, extended French as a Second Language (FSL), and a full religious program culminating in a Spiritual Centre and Outdoor Education Program (SCOEP) held at Our Lady of Grace Centre.
- Our school has a large gym with a stage.
- We have an Instrumental Music Program for Grades 4 through 8 students.

What We Stand For

Community Projects

We at Alexander Kuska are dedicated to developing our students' social conscience through involvement in annual projects such as:

- Community Outreach Initiatives – Collecting food, hygiene products, toys etc., for the needy.
- Terry Fox Run
- Participation in the Holy Childhood Campaign
- Celebrating Grandparents' Day.
- Participating in the "Children Helping Children" Project.
- Participation in the St. Kevin Food Bank
- Lisa's Beads Project
- Food Drives for St. Kevin Parish Food Bank
- Back Packs for Hope campaign

Special Activities/Programs

Projects and events, which help our students to develop their appreciation of the Arts and/or expand their athletic skills. Some of the special programs we participate in are:

- Participating in the sports tournaments offered by our area Sports Council.
- Participation in the Learning Through The Arts Program for our Grade 6 students
- A church choir that sings at St. Kevin Church
- A Book Fair
- The Catholic School Council supports in-school educational experiences for children.
- Book exchange.
- Tutors in the Classroom Program
- Daily Physical Activity
- * Yearbook/Committee
- Writer's Club
- Chess Team
- ECO SCHOOL initiatives
- P3 Homework club

Ideals, Values/Commitments

- That Christ is central to our lives.
- School rules are grounded in our GOSPEL VALUES-faithfulness, accountability, pursuit of excellence, compassion, justice, stewardship, fidelity and integrity

In May and June of 2009, the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics were administered. The results of these provincial assessments were released in September 2009. Students who have achieved a Level 3 or 4 on an EQAO Assessment have achieved the Provincial Standard as established by the Ontario Government.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is celebrating the achievement of students in Grades 3 and 6 for exceeding the provincial averages in the EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our commitment to quality Catholic Education, and to the achievement of each individual child, has been demonstrated by the participation of 99% of all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to facilitate Student Achievement on the EQAO Assessments through the dedicated and coordinated efforts of its staff through continuous School and Board Improvement Planning initiatives.

Niagara Catholic System Priorities:

- Nurturing our Distinctive Catholic Education
- Improving Student Achievement
- Building Capacity with Trustees, Administrators, Staff and Parents
- Improving Efficiencies in the Structure and Operations of the System to Maximize Performance

EQAO Background Information

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics at key points in their elementary-school education. Students are tested twice:

- at the end of Grade 3, to assess what they've learned throughout the Primary Division (Grades 1–3)
- at the end of Grade 6, to assess what they've learned throughout the Junior Division (Grades 4–6).

Why does Ontario conduct province-wide tests of reading, writing and mathematics?

In 1995, Ontario's Royal Commission on Learning recommended such tests for Ontario students. The Commission made this recommendation after consulting with parents, educators, students and others who wanted greater accountability and assurances of quality in the publicly funded education system.

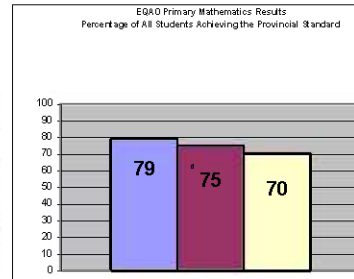
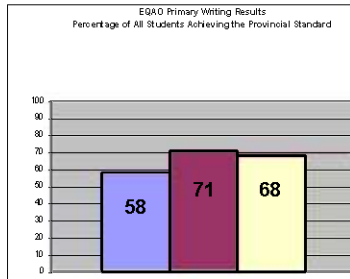
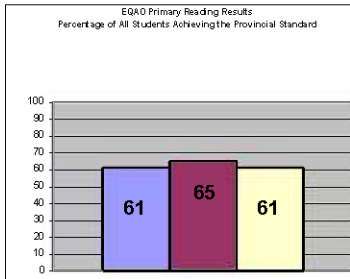
What do EQAO results tell me about my child?

EQAO test results provide a snapshot of your child's achievement in relation to the provincial standard. Students meeting or exceeding the standard (Levels 3 and 4) have demonstrated most or all of the required reading, writing and mathematics knowledge and skills expected at this stage in their education. However, no single test can offer a complete or definitive picture of what your child has learned. In the end, no one better understands the true measure of your child's abilities and knowledge—or is in a better position to assess them—than his or her classroom teacher. When used together, the results of EQAO and classroom tests provide a more complete picture of your child's knowledge.

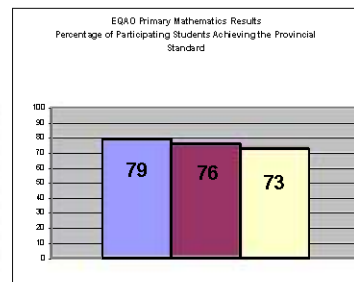
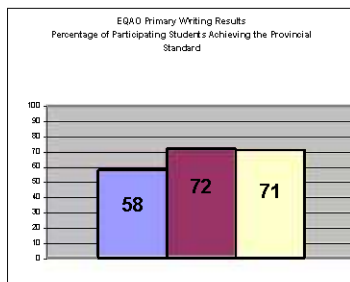
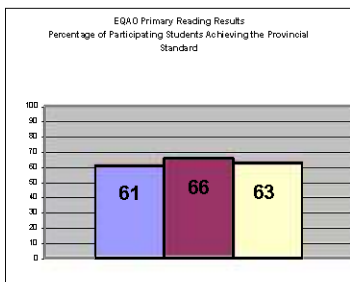
(A Parent's Guide to EQAO Testing, EQAO, September 2009)

EQAO Primary Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Results

All Students (including Exempted and No-Data Students)

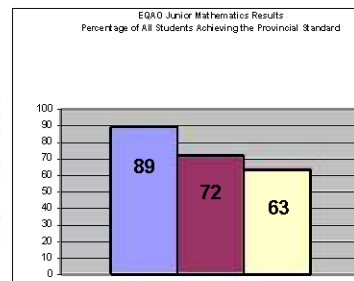
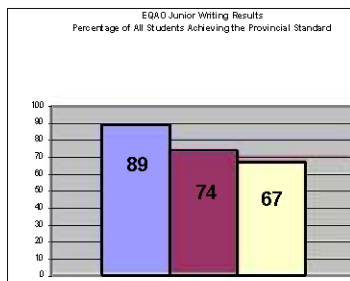
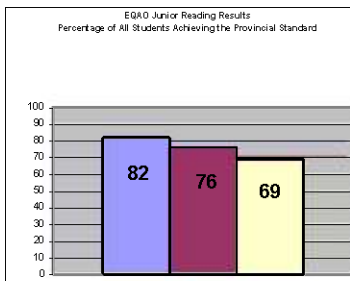


Participating Students (excluding Exempted and No-Data Students)

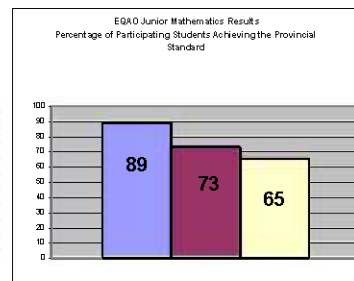
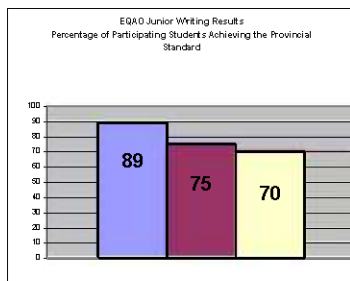
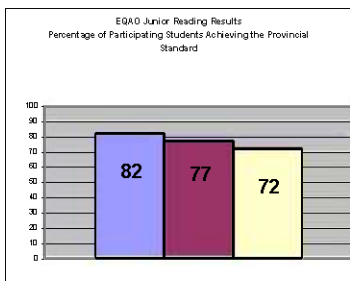


EQAO Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Results

All Students (including Exempted and No-Data Students)



Participating Students (excluding Exempted and No-Data Students)



School
 Board
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Board System Priority

Improving Student Achievement

- To reduce the gap in student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's "16 by 16" achievement level an average of 3% and the Board graduation rate an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To improve student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's EQAO scores and the OSSLT achievement results an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To develop a Niagara Catholic Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting K-12 Document that will complement and comply with the Ministry of Education Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy by June 2010.
- To sustain literacy and numeracy initiatives and implement programs to improve student achievement and pathway success, Kindergarten to Graduation, as outlined in Board and School Improvement Plans.

Board Improvement Planning

SMART Goals

Niagara Catholic has developed SMART Goals in the Four Pillars of Student Success:

Literacy: To improve student achievement on the EQAO Primary and Junior Reading and Writing Assessments and the

OSSLT through data analysis, targeted interventions and instructional strategies to increase the number of students who achieve the Provincial Standard by 2% by June 30, 2010.

Numeracy: To improve student achievement on the EQAO Primary and Junior Mathematics Assessment and the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics (Academic and Applied) through data analysis, targeted interventions and instructional strategies to increase the number of students who achieve the Provincial Standard by 2% by June 30, 2010

Pathways: To improve student achievement by targeting instructional supports, programs, strategies and resources that support student transition:

- from home to school entry
- between elementary divisions
- between elementary and secondary panels
- to post secondary destinations

in order to reduce learning gaps and to improve the high school graduation rate by 2% by June 30, 2010.

Faith, Community, Culture, and Caring: To improve student achievement by continuing to foster a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment that

- ensures the distinctive nature of Catholic education
- reflects the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations
- employs focused interventions

to reduce the overall number of suspensions by 2% by June 30, 2010.

**Alexander Kuska K. S.G Catholic Elementary
School Improvement Planning 2009/2010**

PILLARS OF STUDENT SUCCESS	SMART GOALS
LITERACY	All teaching staff will develop a plan to effectively and consistently utilize high yield strategies in order to create consistency in our balanced literacy programs in the areas of: planning, instruction, assessment, and evaluation.
NUMERACY	By the end of each term, all staff will implement a component of Balanced Math in each term, as well as the consistent use of Math Journals in all divisions by the end of the year.
PATHWAYS	To continue to foster the rich tradition which exists between Alexander Kuska and Notre Dame College, our Secondary School, through active involvement in transition activities that promote a successful transition from Catholic Elementary to Catholic Secondary.
FAITH, COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND CARING	All staff will encourage the active demonstration of our Gospel Values in both word and deed through the implementation of our T.A.G Program.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2009, as presented.

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2009.

2.1 Financial Reports

2.1.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September 2009, as presented.

2.1.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2009, as presented.



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Vice-Chairperson Fera.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau	✓	
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓	
Megan Grocholsky	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Marcel Jacques**, Administrator – Special Education; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Child Advocacy Centre Niagara - Cindy Paskey, Executive Director**

John Crocco, Director of Education, welcomed information on the Child Advocacy Centre. Cindy Paskey, Executive Director of the Centre, presented information on the Child Advocacy Centre Niagara.

Ms. Paskey spoke to the history and background of the Child Advocacy Centre Niagara. She also explained that the Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara is a multi-disciplinary program which responds to reports of physical and sexual child abuse. The Child Advocacy Support Team (CAST) is a Niagara-based interagency cooperation with members from Niagara Regional Police Services (NRPS), Family and Children's Services (FACS) of Niagara, Family Counselling Centre Niagara, medical and mental health professionals, and the Crown.

Director Crocco indicated that Niagara Catholic would designate the week of November 16, 2009 as Child Advocacy Week.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes**
Policy Committee Meeting – September 29, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 **Policy Development Update**

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

2. International Student Exchange (ISE)

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education: Student Achievement K-12, introduced Jayne Evans, FSL /ESL/Arts Consultant. Mrs. Evans welcomed this year's International Exchange Students from France and Switzerland, as well as their Niagara Catholic Hosts. The Exchange Students are attending Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School, Denis Morris Catholic High School, Holy Cross Catholic High School, Saint Paul Catholic High School, Lakeshore Catholic High School, and Notre Dame College School.

Chairperson Burtnik and Vice-Chairperson Fera presented the host and exchange students with Niagara Catholic District School Board pins.

3. SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) Program

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Marcel Jacques, Administrator – Special Education, who presented the report on SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) Program.

4. Student Achievement K-12 OFIP Schools in the Middle: Effective Leadership, Effective Schools

Superintendent Baldasaro and Administrator Lefebvre presented the report on the Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP) which is a key strategy intended to support all schools to improve student achievement. Currently, Canadian Martyrs, Cardinal Newman, Father Hennepin, Loretto Catholic, Monsignor Clancy, Our Lady of Victory Jr., St. Alexander, St. Ann (St. Catharines), St. Anthony, St. Charles, St. Denis, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. John, St. Martin, St. Peter, St. Theresa and St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary Schools are designated as OFIP 3 schools.

5. Staff Development Department

5.1 Professional Development Opportunities

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education – Human Resources, and Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development presented the report on the Staff Development Department: Professional Development Opportunities.

5.2 The Ontario Leadership Strategy (OLS)

Superintendent Iannantuono and Administrator Syne presented the report on the Ontario Leadership Strategy (OLS). The OLS is a comprehensive plan of action designed to support student achievement and well-being by attracting and developing skilled and passionate school and system leaders. It incorporates a collaborative approach through which schools, school boards, education partners and the Ministry of Education work in partnership to make a difference.

6. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2009-2010

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

6.1 Catholic International Co-op Experience (NCICE)

Director Crocco presented information on the new Niagara Catholic International Co-op Experience (NCICE), which included the process followed by students, parents and staff as they apply and prepare for the program. The educational value as well as the schedules to be followed were presented.

7. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the update on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

8. Financial Reports

8.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

8.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

9. Monthly Updates

9.1 Capital Projects Progress Report

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the Capital Projects Progress Report.

9.2 Student Trustees' Update

Megan Grocholsky, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

9.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

The Family of Schools Superintendents gave brief verbal reports highlighting the activities in their schools.

Superintendent Ciarlo

- Denis Morris Catholic High School hosted its 3rd Annual High-on-Life Health Fair. The Health Fair focuses on smart choices and the various outside agencies that are available to assist youth with the many challenges posed to them in society.
- St. James Catholic Elementary School is extremely pleased with the newly renovated computer lab, library information centre and gymnasium.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Notre Dame College School has begun their Pilgrimage Presentations in preparation of their Pilgrimage walk on Sunday, October 25, 2009 to raise funds to assist brothers and sisters in Third World Countries.
- Notre Dame College School took first, second and third place in the City of Welland Relay Torch Committee's drawing competition.
- Students of St. Andrew's Catholic Elementary School were challenged to read over the summer...the students surpassed expectation by reading over 10,932 pages.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 29, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 29, 2009, issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – October 2009.

1.3 Director's Letter to Teachers – World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Chairperson of the Board and Director of Education's Letter to Teachers – World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2009.

1.4 Niagara Catholic Regional School Council Annual Chairs and Catholic School Council Members Meeting – October 22, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Regional School Council Annual Chairs and Catholic School Council Members Meeting – October 22, 2009

1.5 Niagara Catholic Year for Priests Celebration – October 29, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Year for Priests Celebration – October 29, 2009.

1.6 OCSTA Update

Chairperson Burtnik presented on an OCSTA update.

1.6.1 OCSTA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Chairperson Burtnik presented the OCSTA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Meeting at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section A: Student Trustees Present held on September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded held on September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the October 13, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 13, 2009.**

Approved on the **10th** day of **November 2009.**

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
SEPTEMBER 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September 2009, as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

**MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2009**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September, 2009 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a monthly list of payments is available in the Trustee Lounge for the trustees to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September, 2009, as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: October 13, 2009

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON BANKING TRANSACTIONS	
SUMMARY OF BANK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF:	SEPTEMBER, 2009
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BANK ACCOUNT
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH	(A) 31,197,018
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. GENERAL LEGISLATIVE GRANTS	22,513,773
2. OTHER GRANTS (EPO, O.E.Y.C.)	2,018,900
3. INTEREST REVENUE	8,452
4. MUNICIPAL TAXES	11,917,469
5. TUITION FEES REVENUE - A.C.E. & OTHER	579,279
6. CHARITABLE DONATIONS	0
7. GOVERNMENT REBATES (GST 68% REBATE ON TAXABLE PURCHASES)	114,575
8. RECOVERY OF COSTS (LTD, WCB, BENEFITS, OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	355,534
9. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS	
- Reimbursements of Employee Benefits	10,878
- Green Shield Refund	0
10. PROCEEDS FROM DEBENTURE ISSUE (NET)	0
11. CAPITAL LOAN PRINCIPAL ADVANCES	0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS AND LOAN ADVANCE	(B) 37,518,857
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (NET OF CANCELLED CHEQUES AND DEBT REPAYMENTS)	(17,280,750)
2. TEACHER PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(1,033,175)
3. O.M.E.R.S. PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(141,375)
4. CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEDUCTIONS	(116,813)
5. TRANSFER TO 4 OVER 5 TRUST ACCOUNTS	(44,347)
6. OTHER DEBITS	(39,493)
7. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	(664,935)
8. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	(303,895)
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(C) (19,618,724)
CASH BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	A + B - C = D (D) 49,097,151

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON LOAN BALANCES				
SUMMARY OF LOAN BALANCES AS AT : SEPTEMBER, 2009				
The Debentures & Capital Loans are made up as follows:				
Loan Description	Opening Balance	Loan Advances	Loan Repayments	Ending Balance
1. GPL1 Loan 25 YR.	(13,199,588.06)			(13,199,588.06)
2. GPL2 Loan 25 YR.	(10,129,567.35)			(10,129,567.35)
3. GPL3 Loan 25 YR.	(4,683,110.00)			(4,683,110.00)
4. Capital Loan 20 YR.	0.00			0.00
5. Capital Loan 20 YR.	0.00			0.00
6. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(2,373,000.00)			(2,373,000.00)
7. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(3,539,000.00)			(3,539,000.00)
8. Capital Projects - Completed 2001	(21,188,846.99)			(21,188,846.99)
9. Capital Projects - Completed 2002/03	(22,832,733.02)		303,894.84	(22,328,838.18)
10. Capital Projects - Completed 2004/05	(9,084,725.98)			(9,084,725.98)
11. Capital Projects - Completed 2005/06	(8,171,752.73)			(8,171,752.73)
Total Debentures & Capital Loans	(95,002,324.13)	0.00	(303,894.84)	(94,698,429.29)

PREPARED BY : William Turath
PRESENTED BY: Larry Reich

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2009 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2009 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a copy of the Financial Statements is available in the Trustee Lounge for the trustees to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2009, as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: October 13, 2009

**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

ACCOUNT DISCRIPTION	THIS YEAR					LAST YEAR		
	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>% AVAIL</u>	<u>\$ AVAIL</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>% AVAIL</u>
REVENUE								
REVENUE	-35,117,865	-228,706,573	84.6%	-193,588,708	0	-34,247,508	-221,457,182	84.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	-35,117,865	-228,706,573	84.6%	-193,588,708	0	-34,247,508	-221,457,182	84.5%
EXPENDITURES								
BOARD ADMINISTRATION	789,802	7,247,593	89.1%	6,457,791	49,929	581,034	7,168,736	91.9%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	7,360,347	107,959,111	93.2%	100,598,764	261,574	7,040,569	103,557,495	93.2%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	4,619,048	64,895,655	92.9%	60,076,607	286,616	4,288,513	62,645,816	93.2%
CONTINUING EDUCATION	225,471	6,097,576	96.3%	5,872,105	62,864	223,727	5,986,817	96.3%
PLANT OPERATIONS	903,891	16,781,170	94.6%	15,877,279	162,599	571,676	16,683,203	96.6%
PLANT MAINTENANCE	139,547	3,365,294	95.9%	3,225,747	18,157	129,078	3,358,014	96.2%
TRANSPORTATION	62,210	10,692,347	99.4%	10,630,137	10	10,104	10,779,861	99.9%
CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	1,890,870	11,867,827	84.1%	9,976,957	16,724	537,287	11,077,240	95.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,991,186.00	228,706,573	93.0%	212,715,387	858,473	13,381,978	221,457,182	94.0%

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
Finance Department

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE AD HOC ATTENDANCE
AREA REVIEW COMMITTEE - ST. CATHARINES
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee - St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Catholic Schools Meeting of October 7, 2009, as presented.

Prepared by: Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee
St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Catholic Schools

Presented by: Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
AD HOC ATTENDANCE AREA REVIEW COMMITTEE
FOR ST. CATHARINES ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Schools Meeting, held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayer**

The Opening Prayer was led by Rob Ciarlo.

2. **Attendance**

The following were in attendance:

Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education, Resource to Committee, Recording Secretary

Kathy Burtnik, Trustee

Tony Scalzi, Trustee

James Woods, Controller of Plant

Kathy Levinski, Manager of Plant

3. **Election of Committee Chairperson**

The election of a Chairperson was deferred until Trustee Charbonneau has the opportunity to vote. Kathy Burtnik volunteered to chair this meeting.

4. **Consideration of Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee
– St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Schools Report**

Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education, presented the Report to the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee and reminded the Committee that the Pupil Accommodation Review of March 2009 calls for staff to recognize the maintenance of demographic stability and the maximization of utility within the City of St. Catharines.

The boundary recommendations for consideration are the cluster of: Mother Teresa and St. Ann, Assumption, Canadian Martyrs and Our Lady of Fatima, and finally St. Theresa and St. Christopher in the elementary panel. Boundary recommendations for the secondary schools; Denis Morris, Holy Cross and St. Francis were also presented. While an effort was made to follow associate boundaries, the proposals do not entirely synchronize if the Board is going to fully utilize the schools.

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented maps showing the current and proposed draft boundaries and graphs illustrating the current utilization and proposed utilization for the affected schools.

Presentations to each cluster of schools will be made in order to receive input from the public to aid the committee with its decisions. The Committee will meet once more, prior to the public presentations.

Superintendent Ciarlo expressed his appreciation to the resource staff for their teamwork, allowing the committee to get off to a good start.

5. Adjournment

The Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee – St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Schools Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE AD HOC ATTENDANCE
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NIAGARA FALLS
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS/
ST. GEORGE AND ST. JOSEPH (SNYDER) CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - OCTOBER 13, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee - Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Meeting of October 13, 2009, as presented.

Prepared by: Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee
Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/
St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools

Presented by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
AD HOC ATTENDANCE AREA REVIEW COMMITTEE
FOR NIAGARA FALLS ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FAMILY OF SCHOOLS/
ST. GEORGE AND ST. JOSEPH (SNYDER) CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MEETING**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayer**

The Opening Prayer was led by Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells.

2. **Attendance**

The following were in attendance:

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, Resource to Committee, Recording Secretary

John Dekker, Trustee

Frank Fera, Trustee

Ed Nieuwesteeg, Trustee

James Woods, Controller of Plant

Kathy Levinski, Manager of Plant

3. **Election of Committee Chairperson**

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools approve the election of John Dekker for Committee Chairperson.

CARRIED

4. **Consideration of Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee
for Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/
St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools**

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented maps showing the current and proposed draft boundaries and graphs illustrating the current utilization and proposed utilization for the affected clusters of schools.

The closure of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls in September 2010 forces the distribution of students. The cluster of schools affected is St. Mary, Notre Dame, Father Hennepin and St. Patrick Catholic Elementary Schools.

The second cluster of schools is a result of enrolment pressures and is comprised of Cardinal Newman, Loretto Catholic and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary Schools.

Two draft proposals for secondary boundary revisions to Saint Paul and Saint Michael Catholic High Schools were also presented to the Committee. In addition, a draft proposal for changing the boundary between St. Joseph, Snyder and St. George Catholic Elementary Schools to help relieve the enrolment pressures at St. George was reviewed by the Committee.

Committee members asked resource staff for additional maps and data prior to the next meeting.

Presentations to each cluster of schools will be made in order to receive input from the public to assist the Committee with its decisions. The Committee agreed to meet on November 3, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to further review the information.

5. Adjournment

The Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 9, 2009, as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carole Fuhrer	Learning Disabilities Association
Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario
Connie Parry	Association for Bright Children
Cyndi Gryp	Community Living-Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln
Kim Rosati	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children
Heather Schneider	Community Living – Welland/Pelham
Mike Gowan	Autism Ontario
Jim Wells	John Howard Society of Niagara
Gary Crole	Trustee
Kathy Burtnik	Trustee
Frank Fera	Trustee

ADMINISTRATION/RESOURCE PRESENT:

Yolanda Baldasaro	Superintendent of Education
Marcel Jacques	Administrator Special Education
Ken Griepsma	Principal - Secondary
John Crocco	Director of Education

REGRETS:

Lilly Iuliano	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)
Mary Kay Kalagian	Principal – Elementary

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tina DiFrancesco	Recording Secretary
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Carole Fuhrer, Chair, called the meeting to order and Carole Fuhrer led the members in prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

Members, who had sent regrets or were absent, were noted.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009.

Moved by Anna Racine
Seconded by Connie Parry

That the Agenda at the Meeting of September 9, 2009 be approved moving item 8.1 Presentations first on the agenda

Carried

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009.

Moved by Cyndi Gryp
Seconded by Anna Racine

That the Minutes of the Meeting of June 3, 2009 be approved.

Carried

6. VISIONING

6.1 Goals and Vision for 2009 – Committee Vision

- Review of Goals to December 2009-Deferred to October meeting
- Survey to ERT's –Deferred to October meeting
- SEAC Network – Deferred to October meeting

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009

7.1 Learner Advocacy

7.2 Parent Outreach

7.3 Program and Service Recommendations

7.4 Special Education Budget

7.5 Annual Review

7.6 Other related items

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 SEAC Member Orientation

An overview of Niagara Catholic District School Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan was presented to the members of the SEAC by John Crocco, Director of Education. A review was given of the re-assignment of portfolios of Senior Administrative staff and the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010. These documents are hereby attached and forms part of the minutes. The alignment of priorities with respect to the Ministry of Education and the role of the Trustees was explained to the members. There was discussion about the motions process and a copy of the suggested template was distributed to the members for review. This document is hereby attached and forms part of the minutes. There was a suggestion made that the format of the SEAC minutes align with the format of Board minutes. Carole Fuhrer handed out and reviewed the contents of the new member welcome package. Anna Racine gave a brief description of the SEAC work plan and the types of goals that may be included in the plan. An explanation was given of the process of completing agency reports and submitting them electronically or written to be included in the SEAC minutes. Carole Fuhrer informed the SEAC members on the status of the Ontario Brain Injury Association becoming a new member to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

9. AGENCY REPORTS

9.1 VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Kim Rosati

- Thursday September 17th is the new VOICE Parent Support Group to be held at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. See attached flyer and agenda.
- The following groups, VOICE, The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association and the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists have come together as the Alliance for Standards in Health and Education for Children who are Hard of Hearing and Deaf. The alliance aims to obtain standards of care and funding to support our children and is dedicated to improving the conditions for these children within our province.
- On October 19th the Alliance will be having a Queen's Park day. This full day will see interaction, meetings and specific representation during a question period. All of this is to begin forming relationships with the decision makers that will need to be leaders in creating standards for hard of hearing and deaf children.
Please visit www.voicefordeafkids.com for more information.

9.2 Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Lilly Iuliano

- No Report

9.3 Community Living – Welland/Pelham – Heather Schneider

- Dinner Dance/Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009. The symposium (bidding begins) at 5:00p.m. and the dinner is at 6:30p.m. The location of the event is the Croatian National Hall on 6 Broadway Ave. in Welland. The dress code is semi formal. Dinner music is provided by Frank Krahn and the dance music is provided by Introduction. The cost is \$45.00 per person and it is a cash bar.

9.4 Association for Bright Children – Connie Parry

- No Report

9.5 Community Living – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln(G/L/WL) – Cyndi Gryp

- Grimsby Festival of Art takes place Saturday, September 12th. This is a joint fundraiser with the Rotary Club of Grimsby.
- Canada Summer Jobs provided funding to operate a Teen Camp and support children to attend local camps in Grimsby and Lincoln.
- At the Provincial Special Olympics a student from Our Lady of Fatima in Grimsby won gold and 2 silver medals. National competitions will be held in London next summer.

9.6 Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara – Carole Fuhrer

- The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17th, 2009 at 7:00p.m. until 9:00p.m. at Ridley College Ross Morrow Theatre, 2 Ridley Road, St. Catharines, ON. The doors open at 6:30p.m.
- New for September 2009: 4 Program Locations – Thorold, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and Beamsville. Each of the sites will offer the following two programs:
 - *Soar to Independence* – Monday, September 28th, October 5th, 19th, 26th, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 2009. The time is 6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m. The focus is literacy, social skills and fine motor skills. One to one tutoring with Post Secondary education student. (8 week sessions). Ages: Children 5-12 years
Mandatory Parent Support Group
 - *Teen Transition* – Tuesday, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 2009. The time is 6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m. The focus is life skills, social skills, and literacy skills including: organization skills, study skills and learning styles. (8 week sessions). Ages: Youths 13-18 years.
- Additional programs include Reading Rocks at Brock University and Homework Support/Keyboarding Program. Dates and times for these programs to be announced.
- All programs are \$200.00, which includes the \$50.00 membership and access to our Resource Library.
- To register or for more information contact LDA at 905-641-1021 or ldaniagara@cogeco.net or visit www.ldaniagara.org. See attached flyers and agenda.

9.7 Autism Ontario – Mike Gowan

- Autism Ontario – Niagara Chapter offered six week summer camp programs. Two weeks here held in Welland, two weeks in Niagara Falls, and two weeks in St. Catharines. There were ninety-two spots with sixty-two children were served.
- In June, Autism Ontario-Niagara Chapter had a one week camp during exam week for high school students. Six children attended from 8:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. for five days. The children did programming as well as daily outings. It was very successful with positive feedback from the parents. Our Realize Community Potential (RCP) Coordinator, Karen Stoner ran the program in conjunction with Bethesda.
- The Fall ten week social skills/life skills and sibling program starts on September 29, 2009. We also run parent support groups concurrently to the children's programs.

9.8 The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine

- Fundraiser BBQ to be held on September 26th, 2009 at Sobey's in Niagara Falls.
- The first support group meeting to be held the week of September 14th, 2009.

9.9 John Howard Society of Niagara – Jim Wells

- Jim Wells introduced himself and his agency, highlighting the programs and partnerships that have been established.

10. STAFF REPORTS**10.1 Mary Kay Kalagian – Principal, Elementary**

- No Report

10.2 Ken Griepsma – Principal, Secondary

- New and returning students are settling in to their first week of the school year.
- Transportation for our students with special needs is being confirmed and tweaked where necessary. Staff at all of our Catholic secondary schools are going through Ontario student records, transition documents and timetables to ensure that all students are appropriately programmed. Where a level change or class change is warranted, these students are receiving priority.
- Staff is beginning the process of updating the Individual Education Plans, a process that will be on-going for some weeks.

10.3 Yolanda Baldasaro– Superintendent of Education

- Yolanda Baldasaro thanked Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells for her leadership and commitment to the SEAC over the last several years.

10.4 Marcel Jacques – Administrator Special Education

- Marcel Jacques spoke about the 2009-2010 Annual Accessibility Plan for the Niagara Catholic District School Board which was included in the September agenda package for all members of the SEAC to view.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS**11.1 Gary Crole**

- No Report

11.2 Kathy Burtnik

- No Report

11.3 Frank Fera

- No Report

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Learner Advocacy – Special Education Stats – Deferred to October meeting

12.2 Parent Outreach – Fall Open Houses – Deferred to October meeting
- Newsletter Submissions – Deferred to October meeting

12.3 Program and Service Recommendations

12.4 Special Education Budget – Letter to Ministry of Education from SEAC – Deferred to October meeting
- Letter from SEAC to LIHNS – Deferred to October meeting

12.5 Annual Review, Special Education Plan

12.6 Other Related Items

12.7 Policy Review

13. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION for FUTURE MEETINGS

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

15. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

- a) Niagara Catholic Senior Administrative Staff 2009-2010
- b) Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010
- c) Motions by SEAC to the Niagara Catholic District School Board-Revised September 9th, 2009

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SEAC will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Heather Schneider
Seconded by Kim Rosati

That the meeting adjourn at 9:30pm

Carried

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY PARTNER TO THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - VIEWS**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School approve the appointment of VIEWS for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the Special Education Advisory Committee as a Community Partner and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School approve the appointment of Mona O'Brien as a representative of VIEWS for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



VIEWS

SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES OF BLIND
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN

September 28, 2009

Ms. Yolanda Baldasaro
Superintendent of Special Education for the NCDSB
427 Rice Road
Welland, Ontario
L3C 7C1

Dear Ms. Baldasaro,

VIEWS for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a provincial parent organization providing support for the families of children who are blind or visually impaired. VIEWS is incorporated in the Province of Ontario.

VIEWS wishes to nominate Mona O'Brien to represent our organization on the SEAC board for the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maureen Chafe

cc. Deb Barclay
Dawn Clelland
Mona O'Brien

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: NIAGARA CATHOLIC VISION 2020
STRATEGIC PLAN SCHEDULE**

The report on the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020
Strategic Plan Schedule is presented for information.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2009

NIAGARA CATHOLIC VISION 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the September 29th, 2009 Board Meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the following motion;

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the selection of Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development phase of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at a projected cost as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

With the approval of the Board, the Director of Education met with Maria Sanchez-Keane to draft a schedule and process to facilitate the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

The objective of the strategic planning process is to provide opportunities for trustees, priests, administrators, academic and support staff, students, parents and our various partners in Catholic education within Niagara to participate in facilitated dialogue through discovery sessions.

Appendix A outlines the schedule for the Discovery Sessions with Trustees, staff, parents, Board committees and community partners of Niagara Catholic. Dates are tentative pending confirmation with all partners.

All Discovery Session dates, reports and recommendations will be posted on the Board website under the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan tab.

Verbal updates will be provided, as required, to the Board throughout the design process.

With the achievement of the timelines and process as outlined, a Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan will be presented to the Committee of the Whole on May 11th, 2010.

The report on Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Schedule is presented for information.

Prepared By: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented By: John Crocco, Director of Education

Approved By: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



Vision 2020 Strategic Plan – Discovery Sessions

Thursday, November 12th, 2009 – Director’s Meeting

- Principal, Vice-Principal and Manager Discovery Session

Tuesday, November 17th, 2009

- 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. – Administrative Council – Internal Analysis (CEC)
- 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. – Niagara Catholic Education Alliance Committee Meeting (CEC)
- 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. – Student Senate – Student Council Discovery Planning Session (CEC)
- 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. – Principal and CSC Chair Facilitators Training Session (CEC)

November 18th, 2009 to February 26th, 2010

- Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education School Community Discovery Session
- Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education School-based Academic and Support Staff Discovery Session

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

- 6.00 p.m. – SEAC Discovery Session (CEC)

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

- 6.00 p.m. – Trustee Discovery Session (CEC)

Thursday, January 7th, 2010

- 1.00 to 3.00 p.m. – Bishop and Priest Discovery Session (CEC)
- 5.00 to 7.00 p.m. – Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC Discovery Session (CEC)

Thursday, January 28th, 2010

- 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. – CEC Staff, Presidents of OECTA / CUPE Discovery Session (CEC)
- 12.00 – 2.00 p.m. – Selected Catholic Community Representative Discovery Session (CEC)
- 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. – AIP / LIP Discovery Session (CEC)

Tuesday, February 9th, 2010

- 9.00 – 12.00 p.m. – Elementary and Secondary Student Council Discovery Session

March 2010 – Data Analysis and Report Writing

Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 – Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Discovery Report Released

Wednesday, April 14th, 2010

- 6.00 to 9.00 p.m. – Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Summit (Saint Michael Catholic High School)

Monday, April 19th, 2010 – Senior Staff Review of Recommendations

Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Report to the Committee of the Whole

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: H1N1 PANDEMIC UPDATE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

The H1N1 Pandemic Update
– Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management
is presented for information.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



Canadian Martyrs Making a Difference in Kenya

Denis Morris Courtyard Dedicated to Fr. Patrick Fogarty

St. Alexander collects pennies for Wells of Hope

Groundbreaking ceremonies for two Gramsby elementary schools

Official Groundbreaking at Cardinal Newman

Commemorative book chronicling the history of Catholic education in Niagara

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A traditional event at Niagara Catholic, this year's pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday October 25** at various locations throughout Niagara. The walk is a major experience at each of Niagara Catholic's eight secondary schools and is geared towards raising awareness and funds for each secondary school's social justice project in a developing country.

[Read more](#) [Video of the St. Francis Pilgrimage Song](#)

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Registering your child at Niagara Catholic [more >>](#)

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan
This year marks the design of our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. [more >>](#)

Attendance Area Ad Hoc Review Committees
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Call for Nominations
Niagara Catholic is calling for nominations for the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction. Nomination Deadline **November 30, 2009** [more >>](#)

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H1N1 INFORMATION

This fall and winter there will be two types of flu viruses circulating - seasonal flu viruses and the H1N1 flu virus.

At Niagara Catholic, we continue to monitor the situation very carefully. Our Board remains in regular contact with the Niagara Regional Public Health Department and the Ministry of Health. We work closely with all of our community partners to ensure the safest and most Health bulletins and letters of information are being shared on a regular basis with all of our schools.

Together we can work to minimize the spread of the H1N1 Influenza.

Proper handwashing can remove germs that make you sick!



- Communication with Niagara Catholic community
- Actions taken to reduce the spread of illness
- Niagara Catholic Pandemic Plan
- Important Links:
 - Regional Niagara
 - Immunization Clinics
 - Cleaning Your Hands Video
 - Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-term Care
 - Canadian Medical Association
 - Public Health Agency of Canada
 - Travel Health Advisories
 - World Health Organization

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October 20, 2009

H1N1 Flu Virus – practices and policies of the Diocese of St. Catharines

On May 1, 2009 a communication was circulated to all the parishes of the Diocese outlining a series of interim preventive and protective measures in liturgical practice in light of the H1N1 influenza. We are in regular communication with health authorities who advise us that these measures are appropriate and ought to continue.

General recommendations from health authorities are the following:

- Clean hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water
- Cough into your elbow, arm/sleeve or tissue
- Clean Surfaces, Toys and Objects regularly and disinfect them
- Practice personal space of two metres if someone in your household is ill
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth to spread germs
- Stay home if you are ill or have a fever
- Keep on hand an alcohol-based hand sanitizer available at home and in your car or your pocket. To be effective, the hand sanitizer gel or wipe needs to have at least a 60% alcohol content.

Recommendations for liturgical practice:

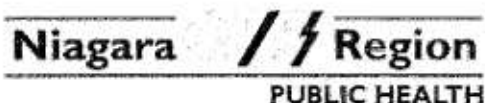
- Parishes may wish to provide hand cleaning stations near the entrance to the church.
- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers need to be vigilant in the practice of sound hand hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands thoroughly before Mass begins.
- Holy Communion under both kinds (except for the priest presiding and other concelebrating priests) should be discontinued for the present.
- When distributing Holy Communion to those who receive “on the tongue,” special care must be taken to avoid touching the tongue or the lips. If inadvertently this happens, the one administering Holy Communion should withdraw to cleanse their hands before continuing.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace, an important gesture in the sacred liturgy, can be given in ways other than our common North American gesture of shaking hands. A polite bow accompanied by a verbal greeting such as “peace be with you” seems more appropriate in our present circumstance.
- Clear instruction should be given that if anyone suspects they may be suffering from the flu, they should stay at home and take proper measures of care at home.

Should additional measures be recommended or required, they will be appended to this directive. Further information and advice can be had at: www.niagararegion.ca

Most Reverend James M. Wingle
Bishop of St. Catharines

Crocco, John

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Niagara Region H1N1 Website Update – October 16, 2009

13 new cases in Niagara region

For the week of October 10 - October 16, 2009 Niagara Region Public Health has received 13 new laboratory confirmed cases of H1N1 flu virus, resulting in a total of 47 laboratory confirmed cases in Niagara Region (cumulative of 1st and 2nd wave). There has been one death of a Niagara resident associated with H1N1 flu virus.

1st wave cases – From May 25, 2009 - August 4, 2009 we had a total of 21 lab confirmed cases and one death associated with H1N1.

2nd wave cases – From September 1, 2009 - October 16, 2009 we have had a total of 26 lab confirmed cases of H1N1.

For more information visit [H1N1 Flu Virus Website](#).

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***Updated* Pandemic H1N1 Influenza is Here!**

October 21, 2009

Dear Niagara Region School Boards,

Autumn and cold weather is here, and with it, an increase in pandemic H1N1 flu virus. At Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) we have been monitoring the levels of influenza in the region and they are increasing. **We believe most cases of sudden onset of fever and cough with sore throat, aches and pains, or fatigue is caused by H1N1.**

Thank you for your ongoing support of the **school absenteeism monitoring program**. Your continued assistance has allowed us to keep a watchful eye on the levels of illness in the community. As you know, NRPH will be contacting your school and possibly conducting a site visit if a school reports student absenteeism of **20% or greater**.

In anticipation of further spread of the H1N1 flu virus this season and beyond, Niagara Region Public Health wants to ensure that you, your staff, teachers, and parents are aware of the ways to prevent the spread of the virus.

Vaccination is OUR BEST way of protecting against the H1N1 flu virus. All people 6 months of age and older, including pregnant women, are recommended to get the H1N1 vaccine. Information on H1N1 vaccination clinics is available from the NRPH website at:

http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health_wellness/pandemic-planning/Swine-Flu.aspx

Other simple precautions you can take to reduce the spread of the virus include:

- 1. Wash your hands** - encourage regular hand cleaning with either soap and water for at least 15 seconds, or an alcohol-based hand rub and rub until hands are dry. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- 2. Stay home if you are sick** - you or your child should stay home **until you are free of symptoms for 24 hours with the exception of a mild cough**. This is usually 5-8 days. People WITHOUT symptoms do NOT need to be isolated or quarantined.
- 3. Cover your cough or sneeze** - set a good example for children by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze (and then wash your hands), or coughing/sneezing into your upper sleeve, NOT the hands. Encourage children to do the same.
- 4. Avoid close contact with sick people.**
- 5. Discourage touching the eyes, nose or mouth, as germs spread this way.**
- 6. Clean surfaces often, this includes counters, fridge handles, faucet taps, bathrooms, railings, computer keyboards, and telephones.** Your usual school or household cleaner is sufficient. Remember to follow the directions on the label.

To stay current on H1N1 flu virus in Niagara, subscribe to the H1N1 page on the Niagara Region website at www.niagararegion.ca to receive email alerts when new information is added, or call Niagara Region Public Health H1N1 Information Line Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7950.

H1N1 Flu Immunization Clinics Offered through Niagara Region Public Health

No appointment is required. Please bring your Ontario Health Card and Driver's Licence to the clinic you plan to attend.

Dates and Times	Locations	Individuals who can be immunized
October 26 to October 29 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Thorold ▪ Niagara Region Headquarters, Public Health - Main Office, 2201 St. David's Road, Campbell East	Priority groups*
November 2 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	St Catharines ▪ Brock University, (Gymnasium, Walker Complex), 500 Glenridge Avenue	Everyone 6 months of age and older
November 3 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Welland ▪ YMCA of Niagara - Niagara Centre Branch, 310 Woodlawn Road	
November 4 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	St. Catharines ▪ CAW Hall, 124 Bunting Road	
November 5 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Grimsby ▪ Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East	
November 5 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Pelham ▪ Pelham Fire Department, Station #1, 177 Highway 20 West	
November 9 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Niagara Falls ▪ YMCA of Niagara - Niagara Falls Branch, MacBain Community Centre, 7150 Montrose Road	
November 10 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Fort Erie ▪ Leisureplex Hall, 3 Municipal Centre Drive	
November 11 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Niagara-on-the-Lake ▪ Centennial Arena, 1565 Four Mile Creek Road	
November 12 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Port Colborne ▪ St. James Anglican Church (Guild Hall), 55 Charlotte Street	
November 12 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Wainfleet ▪ Wainfleet Firefighters' Memorial Community Hall, 19 M7 Park Street	
November 2 to November 13 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (excluding Sunday, November 8)	Thorold ▪ Niagara Region Headquarters, Public Health - Main Office, 2201 St. David's Road, Campbell East	

* Priority groups for the H1N1 flu vaccine have been identified at a federal level. We are committed to making it available over time to everyone. Those individuals who need it the most include (in no particular order):

- People under 65 with chronic medical conditions;
- Pregnant women greater than 20 weeks or pregnant women at any stage with other medical conditions;
- Children 6 months up to 5 years of age;
- Health care workers involved in pandemic response or the delivery of essential health care services;
- First responders;
- Poultry and swine workers; and,
- Household contacts and care providers of persons at high risk who cannot be immunized or may not respond to vaccines such as infants less than six months of age and persons who are immunocompromised.

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: PREPARATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009**

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Preparation of the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2008-2009, as presented.
- 2. THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund for Working Funds for the year 2008-2009, as follows:
 - **\$497,090** from the Reserve for Working Funds (to balance the Financial Statements for Ministry of Education compliance purposes).
- 3. THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the transfer of funds to the Pupil Accommodation Reserve for the year 2008-2009, as follows:
 - **\$772,256** to the **Pupil Accommodation Reserve (to account for the unspent Capital Grants during the year, in accordance with the regulations).**

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services

Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: October 27, 2009



REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2009

PREPARATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On an annual basis, the Ministry of Education requires all school boards to submit their Audited Financial Statements and Grant Schedules, at the end of the school year.

The Board Auditors have completed the audit engagement for the year 2008-2009 and they have prepared a "DRAFT" of the Audited Financial Statements. The final and official Audited Financial Statements will be presented to the Board at a special Board Meeting on November 9, 2009.

We are pleased to report that the financial results for the year 2008-2009 are very positive and that the planned transfer of \$1,908,638 from the Reserve for Working Funds, which was required to balance the annual budget, will be reduced to a total of \$497,090. In addition, the Board will be able to transfer unspent capital funds amounting to \$772,256 into the Pupil Accommodation Reserve.

This improvement in the financial position of the Board resulted mainly from increases in enrolment, from additional revenue received during the year and from the monitoring and control of the expenditures throughout the year.

At this time, we confirm that the 2008-09 Financial Statements are balanced and that they are in compliance with the guidelines and regulations issued by the Ministry of Education. We are pleased to enclose the following information, for the review of the Trustees.

APPENDIX A

Analysis of the Funding Allocations for 2008-2009

APPENDIX B

Analysis of the Expenditures by Department for 2008-2009

APPENDIX C

"DRAFT" of the Audited Financial Statements at August 31, 2009

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to William Tumath, Manager of Accounting Services, and all the staff in the Accounting Department and in other Business Departments for their diligence, hard work and collaboration with the Board Auditors.

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APPENDIX A



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Analysis of Funding Allocations

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Budget Revenue

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Education Taxes	46,163,808	46,436,051	(272,243)	
Education Grants	168,848,225	167,154,041	1,694,184	
Total Funding Allocations	215,012,033	213,590,092	1,421,941	For details relating to changes in funding allocations, see page 4
Adult & Cont. Education Other Revenue	4,278,189	3,848,659	429,530	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment in ESL Programs
Other Capital & Operating Grants	2,705,300	500,000	2,205,300	Increase is mainly due to additional education grants outside the GSN
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	913,618	624,901	288,717	Increase is mainly due to additional revenue from energy rebates
Tuition Fees - Elementary & Secondary	938,355	984,890	(46,535)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the enrolment of VISA students
Transfer from Reserves	497,090	1,908,638	(1,411,548)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in the use of reserve funds required in order to balance the budget
Amount Required To Balance Budget	(0)	0	(0)	
Total Budget Revenue	224,344,584	221,457,180	2,887,404	

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Budget Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	156,963,727	155,036,050	1,927,676	Increase is mainly due to changes in the salary grids
Employee Benefits	21,753,894	22,380,846	(626,952)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the benefit rates
Professional Development	645,252	641,300	3,952	Increase is mainly due to changes in the cost of staff development
Supplies & Services	18,943,145	18,074,031	869,114	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services
Furniture & Equipment	671,826	514,430	157,396	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional equipment
Classroom Computers	531,194	400,184	131,010	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional computers
Capital Expenditures	2,098,423	3,063,638	(965,215)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the completion of capital projects
Debt Charges & Interest	8,127,805	8,078,349	49,456	Increase is mainly due to changes in the repayment of capital loans
Rentals & Leases	603,090	305,966	297,124	Increase is mainly due to low estimate in the cost of leased portables
Fees & Contracts	13,036,973	12,769,898	267,075	Increase is mainly due to low estimate in the cost of transportation
Provision for Reserves & Other Exp.	969,255	192,487	776,768	Increase is mainly due to changes in unspent capital funding
Total Budget Expenditures	224,344,584	221,457,180	2,887,404	

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Education Taxes

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Share of Taxes for September to December				
38% of Residential & Farm Taxes	6,191,774	6,268,045	(76,271)	
38% of Industrial & Commercial Taxes	11,656,140	11,351,291	304,849	
38% of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes	36,169	39,536	(3,367)	
Subtotal	17,884,083	17,658,871	225,211	
Share of Taxes for January to August				
62% of Residential & Farm Taxes	10,203,392	10,329,078	(125,686)	
62% of Industrial & Commercial Taxes	19,208,091	18,705,732	502,359	
62% of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes	59,012	64,505	(5,493)	
Subtotal	29,470,495	29,099,316	371,179	
Add: Estimated Supplementary Taxes	780,673	1,214,203	(433,530)	
Less: Estimated Tax Write-Offs	1,896,907	1,248,866	648,041	
Total Education Taxes for the School Year	46,161,614	46,436,051	(274,437)	No significant change in this area

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Education Grants - Funding Allocations

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Foundation Grants				
Elementary - General	59,424,394	59,242,690	181,704	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Elementary - School Administration	10,419,168	10,402,758	16,411	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Secondary - General	44,310,312	44,066,366	243,946	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Secondary - School Administration	5,061,783	5,037,784	23,999	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Subtotal - Foundation Grants	119,215,657	118,749,597	466,059	
Special Purpose Grants				
Primary Class Size	4,854,237	4,837,358	16,879	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Special Education	23,907,987	23,448,165	459,822	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Language - ESL & FSL	3,638,484	3,571,557	66,927	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Geographic & Small Schools	0	0	-	
Learning Opportunities	2,861,094	2,758,109	102,985	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Adult Education	2,201,194	2,031,889	169,305	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Teacher Compensation	9,545,968	9,348,612	197,356	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Transportation	9,639,698	9,639,698	-	
Board Administration	6,119,586	6,096,332	23,254	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
School Operations	20,020,704	19,925,888	94,816	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Declining Enrolment	583,020	831,046	(248,026)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in enrolment
Program Enhancement	588,650	588,650	-	
First Nation Supplemental	140,690	112,398	28,292	Increase is mainly due to changes in enrolment & funding allocations
Safe Schools	377,912	378,132	(220)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in funding allocations
Subtotal - Special Purpose Grants	84,479,224	83,567,833	911,390	
Capital Grants				
Facility Renewal	2,871,844	2,860,784	11,060	Increase is mainly due to changes in funding allocations
Good Places to Learn	1,779,002	1,865,394	(86,392)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in funding allocations
New Pupil Places	5,405,850	5,286,026	119,824	Increase is mainly due to changes in funding allocations
Approved Debt Charges	1,260,457	1,260,457	-	
Subtotal - Capital Grants	11,317,153	11,272,661	44,492	
Total Funding Allocations	215,012,033	213,590,092	1,421,941	

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Funding Lines - Net Revenue & Net Expenditures

	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008-09			REVISED BUDGET 2008-09		
	Net Revenue 2008-09	Net Expenditures 2008-09	Variance 2008-09	Net Revenue 2008-09	Net Expenditures 2008-09	Variance 2008-09
Classroom						
Classroom Teachers	112,662,836	113,834,830	(1,171,994)	111,858,144	112,461,218	(603,074)
Occasional / Supply Teachers	2,445,929	3,920,466	(1,474,537)	2,434,478	3,115,285	(680,807)
Teacher Assistants	12,581,582	12,898,344	(316,762)	12,447,086	12,967,997	(520,910)
Textbooks, Learning Materials & Equip.	7,299,933	7,069,083	230,850	7,264,151	7,226,143	38,009
Classroom Computers	1,536,427	1,286,274	250,153	1,529,415	1,208,471	320,944
Professionals & Paraprofessionals	5,978,381	4,559,383	1,418,999	5,915,215	4,949,180	966,035
Library & Guidance	4,393,720	4,704,753	(311,033)	4,367,605	4,563,744	(196,138)
Staff Development	362,834	280,291	82,543	361,521	361,503	18
Department Heads	358,914	390,660	(31,746)	356,938	363,236	(6,298)
	147,620,557	148,944,084	(1,323,527)	146,534,554	147,216,776	(682,222)
Non-Classroom						
Principals, Vice-Principals	10,096,179	9,084,270	1,011,909	10,096,309	9,107,269	989,040
School Office Administration	5,582,557	4,531,995	1,050,562	5,586,429	4,866,139	720,290
Coordinators & Consultants	1,639,773	1,751,635	(111,862)	1,627,322	1,769,594	(142,272)
Board Administration	6,180,351	7,019,843	(839,492)	6,177,360	6,782,774	(605,414)
Operations & Maintenance - Schools	20,256,611	19,855,680	400,931	20,247,047	19,852,276	394,771
Continuing Education, Summer School	2,652,409	1,410,682	1,241,727	2,380,179	2,138,163	242,016
Pupil Transportation	9,666,443	11,164,802	(1,498,359)	9,668,230	10,779,861	(1,111,631)
	56,074,323	54,818,907	1,255,416	55,782,876	55,296,076	486,801
Capital & Other						
School Facilities Renewal	2,871,844	1,718,404	1,153,440	2,860,784	1,860,784	1,000,000
Approved Debt & Other Capital Debt Service	3,039,459	2,971,348	68,111	3,125,852	2,930,430	195,422
New Pupil Places	5,405,850	5,787,034	(381,184)	5,286,026	6,286,026	(1,000,000)
Provision for Reserves	0	772,256	(772,256)	0	-	-
	11,317,153	11,249,042	68,111	11,272,662	11,077,240	195,422
Total	215,012,033	215,012,033	0	213,590,092	213,590,092	0

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Budget Restrictions on Classroom Funding Envelope

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	----- Comments on Major Changes -----
Net Classroom Funding Allocation	147,620,557	146,534,554	
Net Classroom Expenditures	148,944,084	146,916,776	
Total Classroom Funding Allocation less Net Classroom Expenditures	(1,323,527)	(382,222)	
Less: Provision for Reserve for Classroom Exp.	0	0	
Less: Provision for Reserve for Special Ed. Exp.	0	0	
Less: Other	0	0	
Unspent (Overspent) Classroom Funding	(1,323,527)	(382,222)	
Note: Boards can now utilize Unspent Classroom Funding to pay for Non-Classroom Expenditures			
Amount Actually Transferred to the Reserve Fund	0	0	The Board is in compliance with the regulations

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Budget Restrictions on Special Education Funding Envelope**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Comments on Major Changes -----
Special Education Funding Allocation			
SEPPA Grants	12,031,447	11,986,740	
ISA Level 1 Grants	418,656	150,000	
ISA Level 2 & 3 Grants	11,384,621	11,239,822	
Total Funding Allocation For Special Ed.	23,834,724	23,376,562	
Add: Other Special Education Grants	73,263	71,603	
Net Funding Allocation For Special Ed.	23,907,987	23,448,165	

Special Education Expenditures

Total Expenditures relating to Special Education
 Add: Net strike savings attributable to Sp. Ed.
 Less: Other Revenue Attributable to Sp. Ed.
 Less: Transfer from Special Ed. Reserve Funds

	25,819,471	25,360,675
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	25,819,471	25,360,675
	(545,289)	(408,983)

Less: Foundation Grants For Special Ed. Classes
 Elementary & Secondary Adjustment

Net Total Expenditures for Special Education

	25,274,182	24,951,692
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Unspent (Overspent) Special Ed. Funding

Note: Unspent Funding Allocation must be placed in Special Ed. Reserve Fund

	(1,366,195)	(1,503,527)
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Amount Actually Transferred to the Reserve Fund

	0	0
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The Board is in compliance with the regulations

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Budget Restrictions on Board Administration Funding Envelope**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	
Board Administration Funding Allocation			
Total Funding Allocation for Board Administration	6,180,351	6,177,360	
Add: Additional Funding Allocations	0	0	
Less: Other Adjustments	0	0	
	6,180,351	6,177,360	

Comments on Major Changes

Board Administration Expenditures

Net Expenditures relating to Board Administration	7,543,655	7,168,733	
Add: Net strike savings attributable to Administration	0	0	
Less: Transfer from Reserve Funds	(197,090)	0	
Less: Other Revenue Attributable to Administration	(326,722)	(385,959)	
Less: Other Adjustments	0	0	
	7,019,843	6,782,774	

Unspent (Overspent) Board Admin. Funding

Note: If Funding Allocation is overspent

by more than 15%, then the Board must submit
a plan to reduce the expenditures within two years.

Overspending as a percentage of funding allocation	-13.6%	-9.8%	
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The Board is in compliance and does not have to submit a plan
to reduce the overexpenditure within two years,
because the overexpenditure is less than 15%

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**Analysis of Funding Allocations & Budget Restrictions
Budget Restrictions on Pupil Accommodation Funding Envelope**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Comments on Major Changes
Pupil Accommodation Funding Allocation			
Grants for Facilities Renewal	2,871,844	2,860,784	
Grants for New Pupil Places	5,405,850	5,286,026	
	8,277,694	8,146,810	
Pupil Accommodation Expenditures			
Expenditures for Facilities Renewal	1,718,404	1,860,784	
Expenditures for New Pupil Places	5,787,034	6,286,026	
	7,505,438	8,146,810	
Less: related transfer from reserves			
Transfer from pupil accommodation reserve fund	0	0	
Amount of transfer from disposition reserve fund	0	0	
Amount of transfer from other reserve funds	0	0	
Other revenue sources	0	0	
	7,505,438	8,146,810	
Unspent (Overspent) Pupil Accom. Funding	772,256	0	
Note: Unspent Allocation must be placed in Pupil Accommodation Reserve Fund			
Amount Actually Transferred to the Reserve Fund	0	0	The Board is in compliance with the regulations

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APPENDIX B



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
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Analysis of Expenditures by Department

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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Total Board Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Operating Expenditures				
Board Administration	7,543,655	7,168,733	374,922	See comments on page 2
Elementary Schools	104,355,337	103,547,492	807,845	See comments on page 3
Secondary Schools	63,865,031	62,855,816	1,009,214	See comments on page 4
Adult & Continuing Education	5,688,870	5,986,820	(297,950)	See comments on page 5
Plant Operations	17,694,037	16,963,205	730,832	See comments on page 6
Plant Maintenance	2,783,811	3,078,013	(294,202)	See comments on page 7
Student Transportation	11,164,801	10,779,861	384,941	See comments on page 8
Capital & Other Expenditures				
Good Places to Learn	1,710,891	1,669,973	40,918	See comments on page 9
Facilities Renewal	1,718,404	1,860,784	(142,380)	See comments on page 10
Approved Debt Charges	1,260,457	1,260,457	(0)	See comments on page 11
New Pupil Places	5,787,034	6,286,026	(498,992)	See comments on page 12
Provision For Reserves	772,256	0	772,256	See comments on page 13
Total Board Expenditures	224,344,584	221,457,180	2,887,404	

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Board Administration Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	4,307,178	4,297,719	9,459	Increase is mainly due to changes in salary grid placements
Employee Benefits	765,076	831,021	(65,945)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the benefit rates and in the payment of retirement gratuities
Professional Development	58,154	90,000	(31,846)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in conferences and workshops
Supplies & Services General Administration	179,344	137,500	41,844	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services
Business Administration	1,304,947	1,092,493	212,454	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services
Program Administration	4,032	5,000	(968)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in the purchase of supplies & services
Computers	124,807	50,000	74,807	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional computers
Furniture & Equipment	25,704	10,000	15,704	Increase is mainly due to the replacement of obsolete printshop equipment
Fees & Contracts	774,415	655,000	119,415	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional computer software
Total Administration Expenditures	7,543,655	7,168,733	374,922	

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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Elementary School Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	87,032,142	85,910,027	1,122,115	Increase is mainly due to changes in salary grid placements and additional staff funded by Special Grants (EPOs)
Employee Benefits	11,685,377	12,043,866	(358,489)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the benefit rates and in the payment of retirement gratuities
Professional Development	342,927	370,000	(27,073)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in conferences and workshops
Supplies & Services				
School Instruction Budgets	1,417,409	1,665,440	(248,031)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of supplies & services
Central Instruction Budgets	1,803,195	1,589,100	214,095	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional learning materials for programs funded by Special Grants (EPOs)
Central Other Budgets	684,601	740,623	(56,022)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of supplies & services
Computers	956,146	860,278	95,868	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional classroom computers
Furniture & Equipment	433,540	368,158	65,382	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional classroom equipment
Fees & Contracts	0	0	0	
Total Elementary School Expenditures	104,355,337	103,547,492	807,845	

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**Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Secondary School Expenditures**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	51,969,726	51,477,336	492,391	Increase is mainly due to changes in salary grid placements and additional staff funded by Special Grants (EPOs)
Employee Benefits	6,508,189	6,743,781	(235,592)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the benefit rates and in the payment of retirement gratuities
Professional Development	207,875	135,000	72,875	Increase is mainly due to additional conferences and workshops
Supplies & Services				
School Instruction Budgets	1,707,119	1,677,234	29,885	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services
Central Instruction Budgets	2,405,903	1,813,206	592,697	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services for programs funded by Special Grants (EPOs)
Central Other Budgets	333,585	363,000	(29,415)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of supplies & services
Computers	447,362	462,987	(15,625)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of classroom computers
Furniture & Equipment	201,978	111,272	90,706	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional classroom equipment
Fees & Contracts	83,293	72,000	11,293	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional education programs
Total Secondary School Expenditures	63,865,031	62,855,816	1,009,214	

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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Adult & Continuing Education Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	4,046,974	4,153,980	(107,006)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in instructional staff and changes in the deployment of staff
Employee Benefits	567,627	596,905	(29,278)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in benefit rates and in the payment of retirement gratuities
Professional Development	19,913	15,800	4,113	Increase is mainly due to additional conferences and workshops
Supplies & Services				
School Instruction Budgets	492,990	639,135	(146,145)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in the purchase of supplies & services
Central Instruction Budgets	550,000	550,000	0	
Central Other Budgets	0	0	0	
Computers	10,604	15,000	(4,396)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of computers
Furniture & Equipment	0	10,000	(10,000)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of equipment
Fees & Contracts	762	6,000	(5,238)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in the professional fees

Total Adult & Cont. Ed. School Exp.	5,688,870	5,986,820	(297,950)
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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Plant Operations Expenditures**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	8,215,081	7,908,053	307,028	Increase is mainly due to changes on the deployment of staff and to the replacement of staff due to absences
Employee Benefits	1,928,106	1,864,651	63,455	Increase is mainly due to changes in benefit rates and to additional payments relating to WSIB claims
Professional Development	11,098	20,000	(8,902)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in conferences and workshops
Supplies & Services Utilities	4,588,184	4,650,000	(61,816)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in energy costs
Cleaning & Operating	1,178,674	785,500	393,174	Increase is mainly due to a low budget estimate for intrusion alarms & fire safety
Sites & Grounds Maintenance	1,040,999	1,025,000	15,999	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services
Computers	28,527	40,000	(11,473)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of computers
Furniture & Equipment	93,529	155,000	(61,471)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of equipment
Fees & Contracts	609,839	515,000	94,839	Increase is mainly due to changes in the cost of liability & property insurance
Total Plant Operations Expenditures	17,694,037	16,963,205	730,832	

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Plant Maintenance Expenditures**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	1,175,025	1,064,688	110,337	Increase is mainly due to changes on the deployment of staff and to the replacement of staff due to absences
Employee Benefits	246,174	251,326	(5,152)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in benefit rates and in the payment of retirement gratuities
Professional Development	2,599	7,500	(4,901)	Decrease is mainly due to a reduction in conferences and workshops
Supplies & Services Department Operation	226,341	196,000	30,341	Increase is mainly due to the purchase of additional supplies & services
Mechanical & Electrical	453,798	545,000	(91,202)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of maintenance supplies
Building Maintenance	484,083	500,000	(15,917)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of maintenance supplies
Computers	2,057	8,500	(6,443)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of computers
Furniture & Equipment	0	30,000	(30,000)	Decrease is mainly due a reduction in the purchase of equipment
Fees & Contracts	193,734	475,000	(281,266)	Decrease is mainly due to a high budget estimate for fees and contracts
Total Plant Maintenance Expenditures	2,783,811	3,078,013	(294,202)	

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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Student Transportation Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Salary & Wages	217,501	224,149	(6,648)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the allocation of costs by the consortium
Employee Benefits	53,445	49,395	4,050	Increase is mainly due to changes in the allocation of costs by the consortium
Professional Development	2,686	3,000	(314)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the allocation of costs by the consortium
Supplies & Services	40,484	39,800	684	Increase is mainly due to changes in the allocation of costs by the consortium
Computers	19,904	14,700	5,204	Increase is mainly due to changes in the allocation of costs by the consortium
Furniture & Equipment	0	0	0	
Fees & Contracts				
Bus Transportation	9,476,755	9,123,817	352,938	Increase is mainly due to additional bus transportation required for students
Taxi & Minivan	445,949	475,000	(29,051)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the transportation routes
Other Transportation	908,078	850,000	58,078	Increase is mainly due to changes in the transportation routes
Total Student Transportation Exp.	11,164,801	10,779,861	384,941	

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Good Places to Learn Expenditures

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Good Places to Learn	1,710,891	1,669,973	40,918	Increase is mainly due to changes in the funding allocation

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Facility Renewal Expenditures**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
The Facility Renewal Expenditures include the following projects:				
Functional Improvement of Schools				
Replacement of Roofs				
Replacement of Windows				
Electrical & Wiring				
Heating & Ventilation				
Improved Accessibility				
Environmental & Remediation				
Pavement & Grounds				
Engineering Studies & Investigations & Building Condition Management				
Other Projects				
Other Upgrading Projects	0	0	0	
Total Facility Renewal Expenditures	1,718,404	1,860,784	(142,380)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in the funding allocation

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Approved Capital & Debt Charges Expenditures**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Approved Capital Expenditures				
Improved Accessibility Expenditures	0	0	0	
Approved Debt Charges Expenditures				
Under the New Funding Model, the Board will receive grants to support the payment of principal and interest payable on Debentures and Capital Loans Outstanding on May 18, 1998				
Principal Payments	612,000	612,000	0	
Interest Payments	530,970	530,970	(0)	
	<u>1,142,970</u>	<u>1,142,970</u>	<u>(0)</u>	
Total Approved Capital & Debt Charg	1,260,457	1,260,457	(0)	No changes in this area

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**Analysis of Expenditures by Department
New Pupil Places Expenditures**

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	
Debt Charges on 25 year Capital Loans				
During the year the Board will incur costs relating to principal and interest payments on debentures and capital loans established to support the construction of new schools, additions and renovations	5,273,944	6,070,060	(796,116)	Decrease is mainly due to changes in completion of capital projects
Furniture & Equipment & Leases				
During the year the Board will incur costs to purchase new Furniture & Equipment and to lease portable classrooms	513,090	215,966	297,124	Increase is mainly due to a low budget estimate in the cost of leased portable classrooms
Total New Pupil Places Expenditures	5,787,034	6,286,026	(498,992)	

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Analysis of Expenditures by Department
Provision for Reserves

	Financial Statements 2008-09	Revised Budget 2008-09	Increase (Decrease)	Comments on Major Changes
Reserve for Working Funds	0	0	0	
Reserve for Special Education	0	0	0	
Reserve for Pupil Accommodation	772,256	0	772,256	Increase is mainly due to changes in unspent capital funding which must be transferred to the reserve funds
Reserve for Classroom Expenditures	0	0	0	
Reserve for Ed. Dev. Charges	0	0	0	
Reserve for Strike Savings	0	0	0	
Reserve for Other Non-Capital Exp.	0	0	0	
Reserve for Proceeds of Disposition	0	0	0	
Reserve for Improved Access	0	0	0	
Total Provision for Reserves	772,256	0	772,256	

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APPENDIX C



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MANAGEMENT REPORT
August 31, 2009

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Niagara Catholic District School Board are the responsibility of the Board's management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Board management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

The Board meets with management to review the consolidated financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Crawford, Smith and Swallow Chartered Accountants LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Board. The accompanying Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Director of Education
Mr. John Crocco

Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Larry Reich, CA

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of the
Niagara Catholic District School Board

We have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of Niagara Catholic District School Board as at August 31, 2009 and the consolidated statements of financial activities and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at August 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Niagara Falls, Ontario
October 9, 2009

CRAWFORD, SMITH AND SWALLOW
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS LLP
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 August 31, 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Financial Assets		
Cash	33,350,334	31,651,708
Accounts receivable	9,768,462	7,729,417
	43,118,796	39,381,125
Contingent Liabilities - note 12		
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	9,674,053	8,599,663
Deferred revenue - note 3	7,198,167	4,830,400
Employee future benefits - note 4	16,392,450	15,594,024
Net long-term liabilities - note 5	93,671,693	91,806,910
	126,936,363	120,830,997
Net Financial Liabilities	(83,817,567)	(81,449,872)
Non-Financial Assets		
Prepaid expense	89,555	326,888
Net Liabilities	(83,728,012)	(81,122,984)
Financial Position		
Operating fund	-	-
Capital fund	(5,426,489)	(4,998,694)
Reserves and reserve funds	29,221,943	28,738,119
School activities funds	2,136,985	1,969,143
Total Fund Balances	25,932,439	25,708,568
Amounts to be recovered in future years - note 6	(109,660,451)	(106,831,552)
Net Financial Position	(83,728,012)	(81,122,984)

Signed on behalf of the Board

 Director of Education

 Chairperson of the Board

See accompanying notes

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended August 31, 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenues		
Local taxation	46,163,808	46,786,298
Provincial legislative grants	168,848,225	162,161,429
Provincial grants - other	5,516,556	5,224,994
Federal grants and fees	411,882	405,781
Other fees and revenue	2,719,081	2,093,802
Investment income	396,597	1,042,917
School fundraising	8,902,945	9,375,630
	232,959,094	227,090,851
Expenditures		
Instruction	174,636,020	160,744,738
Administration	7,543,655	7,530,274
Transportation	11,164,802	9,434,860
School operations and maintenance	20,477,848	20,464,057
Pupil accommodation	12,651,874	12,468,172
Other operating expenses	117,487	117,487
School funded activities	8,735,103	9,276,000
	235,326,789	220,035,588
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	(2,367,695)	7,055,263
Increase (Decrease) in Non-Financial Assets	(237,333)	218,399
Change in Net Assets	(2,605,028)	7,273,662
Financing Transactions		
Add: Long-term financing issued	4,683,110	10,350,737
Less: Employee future benefits	964,116	(388,112)
Less: Debt repayments and sinking fund contributions	(2,818,327)	(5,715,294)
	2,828,899	4,247,331
Change in Fund Balances	223,871	11,520,993

See accompanying notes

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

for the year ended August 31, 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Operations		
Net revenues (expenditures)	(2,367,695)	7,055,263
Sources (Uses)		
Change in accounts receivable	(2,039,045)	(127,471)
Change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,074,390	(1,365,415)
Change in deferred revenue	2,367,767	169,692
Change in employee future benefits	798,426	(403,919)
	2,201,538	(1,727,113)
Net increase (decrease) in cash from operations	(166,157)	5,328,150
Financing		
Long-term financing issued	4,683,110	10,350,737
Debt repayments and sinking fund contributions	(2,818,327)	(5,715,294)
Net increase in cash from financing	1,864,783	4,635,443
Increase in Cash Position	1,698,626	9,963,593
Cash Position, Beginning of Year	31,651,708	21,688,115
Cash Position, End of Year	33,350,334	31,651,708

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended August 31, 2009

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

(a) Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and fund balances of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the Board and which are controlled by the Board.

School generated funds, which include assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and fund balances of various organizations that exist at the school level and which are controlled by the Board are reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

Interdepartmental and inter-organizational transactions and balances between these organizations are eliminated.

(b) Trust funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Board are not included in the consolidated financial statements as they are not controlled by the Board.

(c) Basis of accounting

Revenue and expenditures are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they are earned and measurable; expenditures are the cost of goods and services acquired in the period whether or not payment has been made or invoices received.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments. Short-term investments are highly liquid, subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and have a short maturity term of less than 90 days.

(e) Capital assets

The historical cost and accumulated depreciation of capital assets are not reported. Capital assets are reported as expenditures on the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities" in the year of acquisition. See note 2.

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended August 31, 2009

1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(f) Deferred revenue

Certain amounts are received pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used in the conduct of certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related expenditures are incurred or services provided.

(g) Retirement and other employee future benefits

The Board provides defined retirement and other future benefits to specified employee groups. These benefits include pension, future paid sick leave benefits, retirement gratuity, workers' compensation and long-term disability benefits. The Board has adopted the following policies with respect to accounting for these employee benefits:

- (i) The costs of self insured retirement and other employee future benefit plans are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, accumulated sick days during employment and at retirement, insurance and health care cost trends, disability recovery rates, long-term inflation rates and discount rates.

For self-insured retirement and other employee future benefits that vest or accumulate over the periods of service provided by the employees, such as future paid sick leave benefits or retirement gratuities, the cost is actuarially determined using projected benefits method prorated on service. Under this method, the benefit costs are recognized over the expected average service life of the employee group. Any actuarial gains and losses related to the past service of employees are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

For those self-insured benefit obligations that arise from specific events that occur from time to time, such as obligations for workers' compensation, long-term disability and life insurance and health care benefits for those on disability leave, the cost is recognized immediately in the period the events occur. Any actuarial gains and losses that are related to these benefits are recognized immediately in the period they arise.

- (ii) The costs of multi-employer defined pension plan benefits, such as the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System pensions, are the employer's contributions due to the plan in the period.
- (iii) The costs of insured benefits are the employer's portion of insurance premiums owed for coverage of employees during the period.

(h) Reserve and reserve funds

Certain amounts, as approved by the Board of Trustees, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from reserves and reserve funds are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended August 31, 2009

1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(i) Government transfers

Government transfers, which include legislative grants, are recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amount can be made.

(j) Investment income

Investment income earned on surplus operating funds, capital funds, reserves and reserve funds are reported as revenue in the period earned.

Investment income earned on externally restricted funds such as pupil accommodation, education development charges and special education is added to the fund balance and forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

(k) Budget figures

Budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the budget approved by the Trustees. The budget approved by the Trustees is developed in accordance with the provincially mandated funding model for school boards and is used to manage program spending within the guidelines of the funding model. Given differences between the funding model and Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board, the budget figures presented have been adjusted to conform with the basis of accounting used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The budget figures are unaudited.

(l) Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results may vary from current estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the periods in which they become known.

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended August 31, 2009

2. Tangible Capital Assets

For fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2009 the Board will be required to report the historical cost and the accumulated amortization of tangible capital assets in its financial statements in accordance with The Public Sector Accounting Handbook PS3150 - Tangible Capital Assets. The Board will fully implement this standard beginning with the August 31, 2010 fiscal year.

For 2008 & 2009, Public Sector Guideline 7 requires the disclosure of tangible capital asset information in the notes to the financial statements to the extent that reliable information is available. Information related to land and buildings summarized below has been obtained from the Ministry of Education for purposes of Provincial Consolidation.

Tangible capital assets will be recorded at historical cost. Historical cost includes the costs directly related to the acquisition, design, construction, development, improvement or betterment of tangible capital assets. Cost includes overheads directly attributable to construction and development. Estimated historical cost was used to record existing tangible capital assets, if the actual cost was unknown when the board first started to prepare to implement tangible capital asset accounting.

Amortization is reflected on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets at the following amortization rates:

Land improvements with finite lives	15 years
Buildings	40 years
Portable structures	20 years
Equipment	5 years
First time equipping	10 years
Furniture	10 years
Computer hardware	5 years
Computer software	5 years
Vehicles	5 years

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended August 31, 2009

2. Tangible Capital Assets - continued

	Cost \$	Accumulated Amortization \$	August 31, 2009 \$	August 31, 2008 \$
Land	6,925,089	-	6,925,089	6,925,088
Land improvements	2,248,303	689,365	1,558,938	723,031
Buildings	186,194,706	53,923,619	132,271,087	135,433,577
Portable structures	5,378,157	3,621,174	1,756,983	2,025,860
Construction in progress	3,225,029	-	3,225,029	56,161
Equipment	586,724	218,826	367,898	194,911
First time equipping	3,617,925	2,218,168	1,399,757	1,776,934
Furniture	32,926	15,916	17,010	21,169
Computer hardware	4,666,665	2,675,244	1,991,421	2,551,596
Computer software	865,279	425,394	439,885	496,492
Vehicles	53,139	20,513	32,626	19,233
	213,793,942	63,808,219	149,985,723	150,224,052

3. Deferred Revenue

The use of certain reserve funds are restricted by the provincial government regulations. It is a requirement of the public sector accounting principles of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants that these reserve funds be reported as deferred revenue.

Deferred revenue set-aside for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement as at August 31, 2009 is comprised of:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Proceeds of disposition	4,655,631	4,603,202
Special education	229,786	227,198
Energy efficient schools - operating	307,678	-
Energy efficient schools - capital	2,005,072	-
	7,198,167	4,830,400

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Balance, beginning of year	4,830,400	4,660,708
Additions	2,312,750	-
Interest earned	55,017	169,692
Balance, end of year	7,198,167	4,830,400

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended August 31, 2009

4. Employee Future Benefits

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Future paid sick leave benefits	9,857,568	9,444,509
Retirement gratuities	5,136,640	5,074,431
WSIB - Schedule II future liability	1,194,660	884,810
Vacation pay	203,582	190,274
	16,392,450	15,594,024

Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan

Teachers and related employee groups are eligible to be members of Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly by the Province of Ontario. The pension costs and obligations related to this plan are a direct responsibility of the Province. Accordingly, no costs or liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System

All non-teaching employees of the Board are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer pension plan. The plan provides defined pension benefits to employees based on their length of service and rates of pay. The Board contributions equal the employee contributions to the plan. During the year ended August 31, 2009, the Board contributed \$ 1,789,418 (2008 - \$ 1,757,700) to the plan. As this is a multi-employer pension plan, these contributions are the Board's pension benefit expenses. No pension liability for this type of plan is included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Future Paid Sick Leave Benefits

The Board allows for the accumulation of sick days for certain groups of employees hired after specified dates up to an allowable maximum provided in their employment agreements. Accumulated credits may be used in future years to the extent that the duration of the employee's illness or injury exceeds the current year's allocation of credits. The use of accumulated sick days for sick leave compensation ceases on termination of employment. The Board provides these benefits through an unfunded defined benefit plan. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

As a result of an actuarial valuation for the year ending August 31, 2009, it was determined that an actuarial loss of \$ 4,313,181 existed. This amount is being amortized over the expected average remaining service lives of several employee groups. The unamortized value is \$ 4,053,250. The actual obligation is \$ 13,910,818.

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended August 31, 2009

4. Employee Future Benefits - continued

Retirement Gratuities

The Board provides retirement gratuities to certain groups of employees hired prior to specified dates. The amount of the gratuities paid to eligible employees at retirement is based on their salary, accumulated sick days, and years of service at retirement. The Board provides these benefits through an unfunded defined benefit plan. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

As a result of an actuarial valuation for the year ending August 31, 2009, it was determined that an actuarial loss of \$ 890,286 existed. This amount is being amortized over the expected average remaining service lives of several employee groups. The unamortized value is \$ 779,033. The actual obligation is \$ 5,915,673.

WSIB - Schedule II Future Liability

The Board is a Schedule II employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act and, as such, assumes responsibility for the payment of all claims to its injured workers under the Act. The Board does not fund these obligations in advance of payments made under the Act. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

A reserve has been established for this liability. The balance as at August 31, 2009 is \$ 924,860 (2008 - \$ 914,444)

Future paid sick leave benefits

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Employee benefit plan assets	-	-
Employee benefit plan liabilities	9,857,568	9,444,509
Employee benefit plan deficit	9,857,568	9,444,509
	2009 \$	2008 \$
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of year	9,444,509	9,811,137
Expense for the year	1,654,113	822,529
Benefits paid during the year	(1,241,054)	(1,189,157)
Accrued benefit obligation, end of year	9,857,568	9,444,509

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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for the year ended August 31, 2009

4. Employee Future Benefits - continued

Retirement gratuities:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Employee benefit plan assets	-	-
Employee benefit plan liabilities	5,136,640	5,074,431
Employee benefit plan deficit	5,136,640	5,074,431

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of year	5,074,431	5,267,464
Expense for the year	675,444	659,359
Benefits paid during the year	(613,235)	(852,392)
Accrued benefit obligation, end of year	5,136,640	5,074,431

WSIB Schedule II future liability:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Employee benefit plan assets	-	-
Employee benefit plan liabilities	1,194,660	884,810
Employee benefit plan deficit	1,194,660	884,810

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of year	884,810	687,131
Expense for the year	710,159	510,189
Benefits paid during the year	(400,309)	(312,510)
Accrued benefit obligation, end of year	1,194,660	884,810

The accrued benefit obligations for future paid sick leave benefits, retirement gratuities and WSIB Schedule II future liability benefit plans as at August 31, 2009 are based on actuarial valuations for accounting purposes. These actuarial valuations were based on assumptions about future events. The economic assumptions used in the valuations are the Board's best estimates of expected rates of:

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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4. Employee Future Benefits - continued

General Inflation - Future general inflation levels were assumed between 1.5% and 2%.

Interest (Discount) Rate - The present value of future liabilities and the expense were determined using discount rates of 4.25% and 4.5%.

5. Net Long-Term Liabilities

The balance of net long-term liabilities reported on the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position" is comprised of the following:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Unmatured debenture debt	82,161,000	80,035,009
Sinking fund debentures	12,841,325	12,841,325
Less: Sinking fund assets	(1,330,632)	(1,069,424)
	93,671,693	91,806,910

The net-long-term liabilities outstanding amount of \$ 93,671,693 bears interest at annual rates ranging from 4.56% to 8.5% maturing between 2010 and 2033. Principal of \$ 93,671,693 plus interest of \$ 55,964,709 are payable over the next five years and thereafter as follows:

	Principal and Sinking Fund Contributions \$	Interest \$	Total \$
2010	3,066,889	5,373,835	8,440,724
2011	3,279,835	5,198,267	8,478,102
2012	8,194,215	4,836,523	13,030,738
2013	3,554,319	4,462,347	8,016,666
2014	8,035,977	4,134,412	12,170,389
Thereafter	67,540,458	31,959,325	99,499,783
	93,671,693	55,964,709	149,636,402

Included in net long-term debt are outstanding debentures of \$ 12,841,325 (2008 - \$ 12,841,325) secured by sinking fund assets with a carrying value of \$ 1,330,632 (market value - \$ 1,330,632). Sinking fund assets are comprised of bank deposits.

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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6. Amounts to be Recovered in Future Years

The amounts to be recovered in future years reported on the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position" are comprised of:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Employee future benefits	(15,988,758)	(15,024,642)
Net long-term liabilities	(93,671,693)	(91,806,910)
Balance, end of year	(109,660,451)	(106,831,552)

7. Trust Funds

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Larkin Award Fund	15,430	14,301
Kristen French Scholarship Fund	129,072	130,585
Marion Oakley Fund	5,278	5,207
Nicole Longe Memorial Fund	6,976	7,079
James and Anna McGarry	8,539	8,622
Teachers Finance Leave Plan	1,072,821	820,342
Michael and Isabelle Moran	54,116	54,876
Hugo and Corrinne Massotti	57,934	59,136
	1,350,166	1,100,148

8. Debt Charges and Capital Loan Interest

The expenditure for debt charges and capital loan interest includes principal, sinking fund contributions and interest payments as follows:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Principal payments on long-term capital loans	2,818,327	5,715,294
Interest payments on long-term capital loans	5,309,477	5,063,704
	8,127,804	10,778,998

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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9. Expenditures by Object

The following is a summary of the current and capital expenditures reported on the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities" by object:

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Current expenditures:		
Salaries and wages	157,927,843	144,744,059
Employee benefits	21,753,894	20,220,351
Staff development	645,252	674,947
Supplies and services	19,574,637	20,034,957
Interest	5,309,477	5,063,704
Rental expenditures	603,090	622,541
Fee and contract services	13,036,973	11,291,538
	218,851,166	202,652,097
Capital expenditures	7,740,520	8,107,491
School funded activities	8,735,103	9,276,000
Total expenditures by object	235,326,789	220,035,588

10. Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange

The Board is a member of the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange ("OSBIE"), a reciprocal insurance company licensed under the Insurance Act. OSBIE insures general public liability, property damage and certain other risks.

11. Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions during the year not separately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements include the following:

An amount of \$ 155,640 has been received from the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education and recorded net of related expenditures.

12. Contractual Obligations and Contingent Liabilities

As at August 31, 2009, the Board has certain legal claims outstanding. It is management's assertion that adequate insurance coverages are in effect for the settlement of these claims, if necessary.

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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13. Commitments

Lease Obligations

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is committed to make the following minimum future lease payments under several operating leases over the next five years:

	\$
2010 -	987,253
2011 -	783,775
2012 -	607,946
2013 -	383,851
2014 -	312,874

14. Financial Instruments

Fair value

The Board's financial instruments include cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying value of these instruments approximates their fair value due to their immediate or short-term liquidity.

Fair value information with respect to net long-term liabilities has been omitted because it is not practical to determine fair value with sufficient reliability.

Credit risk

The Board is exposed to credit risk on certain accounts receivable.

Cash flow risk

The Board's net long-term debt is at fixed interest rates, thus limiting the cash flow risk.

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING FUND

for the year ended August 31, 2009

	Budget 2009 \$	Actual 2009 \$	Actual 2008 \$
Revenues			
Local taxation	46,664,781	46,163,808	46,786,298
Provincial legislative grants	162,552,287	168,848,225	162,161,429
Provincial grants - other	2,968,085	5,516,556	5,224,994
Federal grants and fees	382,199	411,882	405,781
Other fees and revenues	2,015,299	2,719,081	2,093,802
Investment income	60,000	187,939	432,259
	214,642,651	223,847,491	217,104,563
Expenditures			
Instruction	166,458,352	173,993,631	159,729,407
Administration	6,865,374	7,418,848	7,490,420
Transportation	10,926,401	11,144,898	9,413,730
School operations and maintenance	19,681,984	20,353,735	20,304,808
Pupil accommodation	5,716,831	5,822,567	5,596,245
Other	117,487	117,487	117,487
	209,766,429	218,851,166	202,652,097
Net Revenues	4,876,222	4,996,325	14,452,466
Increase (Decrease) in Non-Financial Assets	-	(237,333)	218,399
Financing and Transfers			
Employee future benefits	-	964,116	(388,112)
Debt repayments and sinking fund contributions	(2,557,120)	(2,818,327)	(5,715,294)
Transfer to capital fund	(4,279,108)	(2,629,615)	(3,840,275)
Transfer to reserves and reserve funds	1,960,006	(275,166)	(4,727,184)
Net financing and transfers	(4,876,222)	(4,758,992)	(14,670,865)
Change in Operating Fund	-	-	-
Operating Fund, Beginning of Year	-	-	-
Operating Fund, End of Year	-	-	-

See accompanying notes

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL FUND

for the year ended August 31, 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Expenditures		
Instruction	642,389	1,015,331
Administration	124,807	39,854
Transportation	19,904	21,130
School operations and maintenance	124,113	159,249
Pupil accomodation	6,829,307	6,871,927
Net Expenditures	7,740,520	8,107,491
Financing and Transfers		
Long-term financing issued	4,683,110	10,350,737
Transfer from operating fund	2,629,615	3,840,275
Net financing and transfers	7,312,725	14,191,012
Change in Capital Fund	(427,795)	6,083,521
Capital Fund, Beginning of Year	(4,998,694)	(11,082,215)
Capital Fund, End of Year	(5,426,489)	(4,998,694)

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See accompanying notes

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF RESERVES AND RESERVE FUNDS
for the year ended August 31, 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Investment income	208,658	610,658
Financing and Transfers		
Transfer from operating fund	275,166	4,727,184
Change in Reserves and Reserve Funds	483,824	5,337,842
Reserves and Reserve Funds, Beginning of Year	28,738,119	23,400,277
Reserves and Reserve Funds, End of Year	29,221,943	28,738,119
Analyzed as Follows:		
Pupil accomodation reserve	17,212,965	16,255,567
Reserve for working funds	9,920,760	10,417,849
WSIB	924,860	914,444
Contingency fund	846,486	836,954
Benefit rate stabilization	316,872	313,305
Total Reserves and Reserve Funds	29,221,943	28,738,119

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See accompanying notes

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUNDS

for the year ended August 31, 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenues		
School fundraising and other revenues	8,902,945	9,375,630
Expenditures		
School funded activities	8,735,103	9,276,000
Change in School Activities Funds	167,842	99,630
School Activities Funds, Beginning of Year	1,969,143	1,869,513
School Activities Funds, End of Year	2,136,985	1,969,143

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See accompanying notes

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
MCMASTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
THANK YOU LETTER RE DONATION**



Peter Fitzgerald, Hon BA, MA, MD, FRCSC
President, McMaster Children's Hospital
Executive Lead, McMaster University Medical Centre Site

September 30, 2009



Mr. John Crocco
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
c/o Lakeshore Catholic High School
150 Janet Street
Port Colborne, ON L3K 2E7

Dear Mr. Crocco:

It was a pleasure to meet you, Dan DiLorenzo, the staff, students and parents from Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Let me speak on behalf of everyone at McMaster Children's Hospital when I say that your gift of \$6,208.00 was tremendously generous, and perhaps even more significant because of the extraordinary efforts achieved by the students and staff at Lakeshore Catholic High School involved in renovating the house to raise funds for our hospital.

Thank you, and once again on behalf of McMaster Children's Hospital and its patients and families, we thank Lakeshore Catholic High School for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Fitzgerald,
President
McMaster Children's Hospital

cc: Angel D'Andrea

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
THANK YOU LETTER RE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IN THE NIAGARA REGION BOOK
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October 2, 2009

John Crocco
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road,
Welland, ON
L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Crocco:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Niagara Catholic District School Board for your kind and generous donation of "*Catholic Education: A gift from the past...A present for the future 1842-2007*". This book is indeed a welcome addition to our collection and one which will be of great interest and value to our patrons.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity are most appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Bronson".

Patricia Bronson, B.A., B.Ed., M.L.S.
Chief Librarian



**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
THANK YOU LETTER RE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IN THE NIAGARA REGION BOOK
MOST REVEREND TERRENCE PRENDERGAST
*ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA***



Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa
Monseigneur Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archevêque d'Ottawa

Dear Mr. Crocco: October 9, 2009

Thank you for the beautiful book on the history of Catholic Education in the Niagara Peninsula. I look forward to an opportunity to dip into it as I gather appreciation for Ontario's Catholic Educators.

In Christ,

1247, place Kilborn Place Ottawa Ontario K1H 6K9

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
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MOST REVEREND A.F. TONNOS, *BISHOP OF HAMILTON***



Most Reverend A.F. Tomos D.D.

BISHOP OF HAMILTON, 700 KING ST. WEST, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA L8P 1C7

October 14, 2009



Mr. John Crocco
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Crocco,

Thank you for the copy of *"Catholic Education: A gift from the past...A present for the future 1842-2007"*, written by Peter Ferren and Don Lefebvre. I am pleased to have this book it is full of wonderful information and is exceptionally well done. It is also a very beautiful volume. After I have finished reading it we will keep it in the library of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Please be assured of my prayerful best wishes for all in the Niagara Catholic District School system.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

BISHOP OF HAMILTON

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
THANK YOU LETTER RE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IN THE NIAGARA REGION BOOK
MOST REVEREND FRED J. COLLI
*BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF THUNDER BAY***

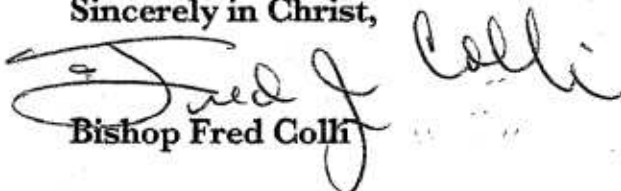


Most Reverend Fred J. Colli

Dear John,

Just a short note to say thank you for the book on the history of Catholic Education in the Niagara region. It arrived and I find it most interesting, since I am a graduate of the system. I remember fondly the work I shared with the schools, teachers, and administrators of the Niagara Board - and I remember also working for the board in the maintenance department during the summer months, when I was a seminarian. Thank you very much for thinking of me and for sending the book.

Sincerely in Christ,


Bishop Fred Colli

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
THANK YOU LETTER RE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC
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October 19, 2009

John Crocco
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Dear John:

Thank you for the beautiful hand signed book "Catholic Education: A gift from the past...A present for the future 1847-2007", written by Peter Ferren and Don Lefebvre, celebrating Catholic Education in the Niagara Region.

With my thanks, please accept my best wishes for a successful 2009-2010 school year.

Sincerely,



Jack N. Lightstone
President & Vice-Chancellor

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
OCSTA – THANK YOU LETTER
RE NIAGARA CATHOLIC’S HOSTING
OF OCSTA REGIONAL MEETING**

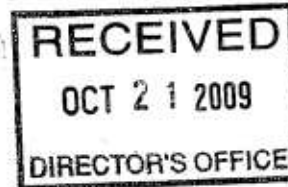


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Dear Kathy & John:

Thanks again to you and your board members for hosting our regional meeting on October 13th and for the warm welcome you extended to the delegates from the neighbouring Catholic school boards.

Thanks also to Sherry for her friendly and professional assistance in accommodating our requirements for the meeting.

We know that the delegates appreciate these opportunities to discuss and share local and provincial issues.

We will be reviewing the feedback from the meeting in the coming weeks and will use it to plan the format for next year's meeting.

Sincerely,

Paula Peroni
President

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Executive Director

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC
OCTOBER 13, 2009**



Spotlight

ON
NIAGARA CATHOLIC

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Stop Now and Plan Program to Assist Students



Niagara Catholic elementary schools will benefit from a share of \$4.7 million in federal funding for a program to help at-risk students in our schools.

On September 28th, St. Catharines Member of Parliament Rick Dykstra announced \$4.7 million in funding from the Ministry of Public Safety for the Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) program. The program will help students in Grades 2-8 who are showing signs of aggression, impulsivity and low achievement.

The program focuses on teaching students to think before reacting when they are angry or frustrated. It will teach students to stop and think through positive alternatives before acting out. It will also focus on increasing emotional awareness.

SNAP will also address mental health issues among Niagara's youth, offering support to students and their families.

The 3.5-year program will be administered by the John Howard Society of Niagara, and will operate in all four school boards in Niagara, in partnership with Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Child and Youth Services.

Niagara Catholic Launches International Co-op Program

Beginning in February 2010, Niagara Catholic will offer its first international cooperative education experience, which will be available to all secondary school students throughout Niagara Catholic.

Students participating in the inaugural Niagara Catholic International Co-op Experience (NCICE) for 2010 will travel to Japala, Guatemala and earn four credits in co-op, one credit in Grade 12 Religion and one credit in Grade 12 Physical Geography.

Students will choose an area of interest for their co-op placement, from teaching English in rural elementary schools and basic computer skills in computer centres run by Wells of Hope, to working at local orphanages, medical clinics or construction sites.

Additional co-op placements include learning construction skills from local and Canadian contractors by building homes and constructing wood-efficient, smokeless stoves, rainwater collection systems and cisterns and helping to develop small business opportunities for people in both rural and urban centres.

Students will also have the opportunity to volunteer as "Big Brothers" or "Big Sisters" to children living in Guatemalan orphanages and to learn about Guatemalan family life by staying with a rural family.

Future cooperative experiences to other destinations affiliated with our secondary school social justice programs are being discussed.

Happening in October



- 17th-23rd National School Safety Week
- 22nd Annual Chairs & CSC Meeting
- 25th Niagara Catholic Pilgrimage
- 24th Fr. Patrick Fogarty Awards
- 27th Board Meeting
- 29th Year for Priests Celebration
- 31st *Happy Halloween!*

European Exchange Students Welcomed by Board



Members of Niagara Catholic's International Student Exchange program and their exchange partners were presented to Trustees during the October 13th Committee of the Whole Meeting. Niagara Catholic students Victoria Ahle, Samantha Auger, Emily Burkholder, Patrick Fowler, Jillian Karner, Braden Kenny, Michelle Pressé and Dalton Vander Sanden will travel to France in February 2010, for their semester-long exchange, while Christina Rome will travel to Switzerland. Lauren Kafal has already completed her exchange to France and is currently hosting her exchange partner.

17 Schools Designated "Schools in the Middle"

Seventeen Niagara Catholic Elementary Schools have been designated as "Schools in the Middle" by the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat (LNS), Student Achievement Branch.

Canadian Martyrs, Cardinal Newman, Father Hennepin, Loretto Catholic, Monsignor Clancy, Our Lady of Victory Jr., St. Alexander, St. Ann (St. Catharines), St. Anthony, St. Charles, St. Denis, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. John, St. Martin, St. Peter, St. Theresa and St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary Schools all had between 50 and 74 per cent of students achieve the Provincial Standard on EQAO during the 2008-2009 school year.

The results mean the schools have been designated Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP) 3 Schools in the Middle for the 2009-2010 school year. OFIP is considered a key strategy to support schools to improve student achievement.

A Board Improvement Team comprised of the Superintendent of Student Achievement, Family of Schools Superintendents, the Administrator of School Effectiveness Framework, Principals and Consultants/Coaches will support the work of each designated school's School Improvement Team.

The Ministry of Education will hold a System Improvement Team Professional Learning Symposium in October. Following that meeting, the School Improvement Teams from the 17 designated schools will be invited to a meeting to discuss and share learning strategies and to help develop instructional leadership capacity.

One of Niagara Catholic's System Priorities is to improve student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's EQAO scores and the OSSLT achievement results an average of 2 percent by June 2010.

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+ Congratulations to Saint Paul Catholic High School student Matt Diston. The Grade 12 student won gold in the Senior Boys Pole Vault at OFSAA in June 2009.

+ Congratulations to Emma Brown, Brittany Roach and Elly Newell, who collected Thanksgiving treats for Canadian soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The girls are students at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School in Wainfleet. The collection began after Emma saw an article in her local paper about a woman asking people to send treats to the troops. When all was said and done, the entire school had pitched in to collect plenty of treats for Canadian soldiers to enjoy and about \$600 in Tim Horton's gift cards, donated by Niagara Regional Police officers from the Port Colborne detachment, where Emma's dad is stationed.

+ Congratulations to Kevin Scalzi, a Grade 7 student at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School in Thorold, who became Principal for a Day on October 16th. Kevin sold 19 magazine subscriptions during a school-wide fundraiser, making him his school's top seller.

Congratulations!

Policy Update

Policies in development:

- ! Safe Physical Intervention with Students
- ! Accessible Customer Service
- ! Code of Conduct for Trustees
- ! Conflict of Interest for Employees
- ! Facility Partnership
- ! Equity and Inclusive Education
- ! Self Identification of Aboriginals

Policies under review:

- ! Pupil Accommodation Review
- ! Community Use of Facilities
- ! Employee Workplace Harassment
- ! Safe Arrival

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2009**

November 2009

1 - All Saints' Day



2 - All Souls' Day

3 Arts & Culture SHSM launch Shaw Theatre, NOTL

4 SEAC Meeting Take Our Kids to Work Day

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8 St. Elizabeth 50th Anniversary Celebration

10 Committee of the Whole Meeting

11 Remembrance Day

13 Elem PA Day

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16 Child Advocacy Week in Niagara

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20 National Child Day



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23 Board Meeting

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29 First Sunday of Advent



Niagara Catholic District School

Events posted at www.niagaracatholic.ca

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NIAGARA CHILDREN'S CHARTER ENACTED COMMUNITY
ACTION SESSION - NOVEMBER 20, 2009**



The Niagara Children's Charter Enacted

Early Years Niagara Planning Council
invites you to attend a
community action session

November 20th, 2009
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre
327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines

Please join us for a free 'by invitation only' community
breakfast

Limited space available

To register, please RSVP to nchaumont@becon.org

More details will be provided in the Fall

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Report

On How Well Our Children 0-6, Their Families
and Their Communities Are Being Served