

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 13, 2025**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: LARKIN ESTATE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE ADMISSION
AWARDS**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$6300.00 for the Larkin Estate University/College Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

Prepared by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education
Presented by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education
Recommended by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: May 13, 2025



REPORT TO THE BOARD MAY 13, 2025

LARKIN ESTATE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE ADMISSION AWARDS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The funding for the Larkin Estate University/College Admission Awards is a bequest from the estate of Maria Eveleen Larkin and Aimee Theresa Larkin. The awards have been administered annually since 1969.

The Larkin Estate University/College Admission Award is a four-year renewable bursary available to Niagara Catholic graduates who are enrolled in post-secondary education at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, at a school of nursing, or social work, or at a college or university offering such a program.

As of April 30, 2025 the undistributed earnings and the balance of the scholarship fund amounted to \$34,109.36 with projected dividends and interest in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the end of 2026.

- The first installment of the award is predicated upon the receipt of a letter of confirmation of full-time registration in Nursing or Social Work, or proof of full or partial tuition paid.
- Subsequent installments of the award are predicated upon receipt of the following:
 - an official transcript as evidence of successful completion of previous year's courses; and
 - proof of full-time registration in Nursing or Social Work, or proof of full or partial tuition paid.

The Larkin Estate University/College Admission Award will be awarded to eight recipients for the 2024-2025 school year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$6,300.00 for the Larkin Estate University/College Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

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

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

Recommended by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 13, 2025

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 13, 2025**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities report is
presented for information.

Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development

Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 13, 2025



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 13, 2025

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In alignment with Niagara Catholic's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the Department of Staff Development, as an integral aspect of its mandate, acts as the point of co-ordination among various departments. Thus ensuring that all professional development opportunities for staff, both teaching and non-teaching, occur in a seamless fashion to minimize disruptions to the myriad services provided within our Niagara Catholic community. The following is a listing of activities occurring during the period May 13, 2025 through June 10, 2025.

Aspiring Leaders Program (ALP)- May 22, 2025

WORKSHOP 2: THE POWER OF HEALTHY TENSION

Leading in a World of Increased Polarization and Complexity: As leaders, we often treat every challenge as a problem to be solved, with a right or wrong answer. Encourage a change or preserve stability? Lean into structure or choose more flexibility? Focus on work or prioritize home? But this "either/or" thinking is a dangerous trap! To be more effective—both at work and at home—we need to realize that many of life's challenges are tensions to be managed. This workshop provides a simple framework that allows teams and leaders to tap into the power of "both/and" thinking. By doing this, we gain a massive competitive advantage, and move from surviving to thriving. This workshop provides a simple framework that allows teams and leaders to tap into the power of "both/and" thinking. By doing this, we gain a massive competitive advantage, and move from surviving to thriving. You will also gain strategies to effectively promote and implement diversity, equity and inclusion within your teams.

Kindergarten Learning Sessions – May 12, 2025

Kindergarten teachers will have an opportunity to participate in the second session a professional learning network that will consist of two sessions. Each session will include ABA, Literacy and Numeracy learning.

- First Session: March 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. Catholic Education Centre 427 Rice Road (Welland)
- Second Session May 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. Catholic Education Centre 427 Rice Road (Welland)

The Staff Development Professional Development Opportunities report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development

Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 13, 2025