



*The Niagara Catholic District School Board through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*

*AGENDA AND MATERIAL*

## **SPECIAL ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020  
3:00 P.M.**

*Electronic Meeting in Compliance with Education Act Section 207 and  
Ontario Regulation 463/97 Section 5.1 (2)  
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### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayers – Trustee Burtnik -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest -

### **B. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Donations to Support Students and Families During COVID-19 School Closure Letter to Staff on Behalf of Board of Trustees and Senior Staff B1

### **C. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

#### ***BOARD BY-LAWS EXCERPT***

##### ***Special Meetings of the Board***

Special meetings of the Board shall be held by order of the Board, on the written request of three (3) trustees, to the Chairperson or the Director, on the call of the Chairperson, or at the request of the Director of Education. The trustees shall be given a twenty four (24) hour notice for special meetings except in emergency situations. Such meetings shall be called for specific reasons. Such subjects shall be stated in the notice calling the meeting. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the Board's By-Laws, no other business shall be considered at a special meeting other than the subjects stated in the notice.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING  
MAY 6, 2020**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: DONATIONS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES  
DURING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE LETTER TO  
STAFF ON BEHALF OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND  
SENIOR STAFF**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the attached letter to all Niagara Catholic employees inviting donations to support students and families during the COVID-19 school closures, and that the letter be emailed to all staff by the Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer, as presented.

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Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 6, 2020



**DRAFT**

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Senior Staff we are extending warm greetings to all of you as we strive to manage during these difficult times. We are grateful to staff that are reaching out to the Niagara Catholic community and supporting students. We want to especially recognize those who are going beyond the scope of their duties by providing extra support to students and families throughout the year and most recently during the current school closures. Your many acts of kindness are making a difference.

As the funds designated by Niagara Nutrition Partners, along with recent financial contributions by the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education and the Niagara Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals' Council are used to purchase food gift cards for families, there is a need to replenish the funds to support the ongoing student needs until parents can return to work.

Throughout the year, and especially during this period of record unemployment and current school closures, we recognize that you may be supporting a family or extended family member, and have many options to consider through parishes and various community agencies. As part of our overall support to students, we are respectfully extending an invitation to staff to consider providing additional financial contributions to meet the ongoing essential needs of our students during the school closures.

All staff donations will be used to purchase Walmart gift cards, which will be mailed or delivered to families in need as identified by Principals and staff, on behalf of the Niagara Catholic family. Once schools reopen, should there be any remaining funds, the funds will be provided to schools to support student nutrition programs in the fall. If you have any questions, please contact your school Principal, Kathy Levinski or Debbie Ogilvie in Facilities Services through their email accounts.

Through School Cash Online, you can donate directly to students by selecting the fund destination called "NCDSB Family Support." If you have a School Cash Online account, please sign in, donate and you will be emailed a tax receipt. If you do not have a School Cash Online account, sign in as a Guest, enter your credit card information and your email address to receive a tax receipt. To access School Cash Online, click [here](#). As part of Catholic Education Week, your donation by May 11<sup>th</sup> will continue to *Ignite Hope* in our students and their families.

Thank you for your consideration to this request. Your care, dedication and professionalism are valued and truly appreciated. Undeniably, it is a true measure of our Gospel Values in action.

Stay healthy and safe. God Bless.

Frank Fera  
Chair of the Board

John Crocco  
Director of Education