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inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit.*

*AGENDA AND MATERIAL*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

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### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – Trustee Bruzzese -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest -
5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2022 A5
6. Consent Agenda Items
  - 6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities A6.1
  - 6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update A6.2
  - 6.3 In Camera Items F1 -

### B. PRESENTATIONS

### C. GOVERNANCE POLICIES

1. Governance Policies for Recommendation to the Board -
  - 1.1 Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2) – Pat Rocca C1.1
  - 1.2 Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4) – Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells C1.2
2. Governance Policies Prior to Vetting -
  - 2.1 Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (701.2) – Clark Euale C2.1
3. Governance Policy Review Schedule C3

### D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results for the 2021-2022 Assessments and Graduation Rates for the 2016-2017 Grade 9 Cohort – Kim Kinney D1
2. Father Patrick H. Fogarty Easement Request – Clark Euale D2

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| 3.  | Monthly Updates               |   |
| 3.1 | Student Senate Update         | - |
| 3.2 | Senior Staff Good News Update | - |

## **E. INFORMATION**

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| 1.  | Trustee Information                        |      |
| 1.1 | Annual Faith Formation – December 15, 2022 | E1.1 |
| 1.2 | Draft 2023 Board Committee Membership      | E1.2 |

## **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

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| 1. | General Discussion to Plan for Future Action | - |
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## **G. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

## **H. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION**

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2022, as presented.



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in the Father Kenneth Burns c.s.c. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

As per Board By-Laws Trustees appointed Trustee Fera as Chair and Trustee Burtnik as Vice-Chair of the November 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Acting Vice-Chair Burtnik.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Turner.

2. Roll Call

Trustee Burtnik noted that Trustee Burkholder and Moody asked to be excused.

Trustee Burtnik noted that Trustees Huibers and Sicoli joined electronically.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder				✓
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers		✓		
Daniel Moody				✓
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli		✓		
Paul Turner	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Charlotte Johnstone	✓			
Steffen Zylstra	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**Camillo Cipriano**, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Kimberly Kinney, Gino Pizzoferrato, Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Domenic Massi, Joseph Zaroda**, Associate Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Huibers with Item F2 of the In Camera Agenda. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting**

5.1 **September 13, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 13, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

5.2 **October 11, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 11, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.2 **Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

6.3 **In Camera Items F1**

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Board of Trustees Appreciation**

Director Cipriano read the section referring to Catholic School Trustees from the document, “This Moment of Promise” written by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario in 1989, and noted that Niagara Catholic is blessed to have Trustees who each bring unique gifts and perspectives to the board room and to our system. Our Trustees not only make Catholic education possible, but have allowed Catholic education in Niagara to thrive.

Director Cipriano noted that as a new Board of Trustees 2022-2026 begins its office on November 22, 2022, we publicly acknowledge and thank the five current Trustees who will conclude their exemplary service to Niagara Catholic and Catholic education in Ontario:

Kathy Burtnik – 1994 to 2022 – 28 years of service  
Frank Fera – 2000 to 2022 – 22 years of service  
Daniel Moody – 2018 to 2022 – 4 years of service  
Leanne Prince – 2018 to 2022 – 4 years of service  
Dino Sicoli – 2010 to 2022 – 12 years of service

Director Cipriano, on behalf of the students, staff, families and partners in Catholic education throughout the Niagara Catholic District School Board presented a token of gratitude, created by our own students, to Trustees Kathy Burtnik, Frank Fera, Daniel Moody, Leanne Prince and Dino Sicoli.

Trustees Fera, Prince, Sicoli and Burtnik shared their memories as Catholic Trustees and expressed their appreciation to their fellow Trustees, their families, Senior staff and all who contribute to Catholic education.

## **C. GOVERNANCE POLICIES**

### **1. Governance Policies for Recommendation to the Board**

#### **1.1. Privacy Policy (600.6)**

Director Cipriano highlighted recommended amendments to the Privacy Policy (600.6), following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Committee of the Whole recommended the following additional amendments:

- No amendment

Moved by Trustee

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Privacy Policy (600.6), as presented.

**APPROVED**

#### **1.2. Records and Information Management Policy (600.2)**

Director Cipriano highlighted recommended amendments to the Records and Information Management Policy (600.2), following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Committee of the Whole recommended the following additional amendments:

- No amendment

Moved by Trustee

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Records and Information Management Policy (600.2), as presented.

**APPROVED**

## **2. Governance Policies Prior to Vetting**

### **2.1. Student Trustees Policy (100.4)**

Director Cipriano presented the Student Trustees Policy (100.4).

The Committee of the Whole suggested the following amendments:

- No amendment

The Committee of the Whole requested that the Student Trustees Policy (100.4), be vetted from November 9, 2022 to December 21, 2022 with a recommended deadline for presentation to the Committee of the Whole in January, for consideration to the Board in January.

## **3. Governance Policy Review Schedule**

Director Cipriano presented the Governance Policy Review Schedule.

# **D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

## **1. Monthly Updates**

### **1.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Charlotte Johnstone, and Steffen Zylstra, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

### **1.2 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

#### **Superintendent Pizzoferrato**

- Superintendent Pizzoferrato highlighted the amazing work of the ABA student support team in smoothly transitioning two brothers with complex needs.

#### **Superintendent Kinney**

- Superintendent Kinney shared a copy of “Connected”, the first of a quarterly newsletter for Principals and Pastors.

**Director Cipriano**

- At the October conference “When Faith Meets Pedagogy” the Board Chaplaincy Lead Krista Olivieri and the Board Mental Health Lead Andrea Bozza’s presentation “Prayer and Mental Health” had an overwhelming attendance and demonstrated how Niagara Catholic is leading the way in integrating faith and mental health.

**D. INFORMATION**

**1. Trustee Information**

Nil

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 Director Cipriano reminded trustees of the Trustee Orientation Session being held at the Board office on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**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 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

**G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on September 13, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1.1)**

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on October 11, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1.2)**



## H. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Turner announced that on December 7, 2022 the grassroots organization will be hosting a “Caring for our Nurses” event at the Croatian Hall in Welland. Tickets are \$100.00 and organizers hope those who purchase a ticket will reserve a second ticket for a local nurse.

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the November 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 8, 2022.**

Approved on **December 6, 2022.**

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Daniel Moody  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TOPIC: GOVERNANCE POLICIES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
BOARD  
RETIREMENT AND SERVICE RECOGNITION CELEBRATION  
POLICY (201.2)**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2), as presented.

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Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources  
Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources  
Recommended by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: December 6, 2022



Niagara Catholic District School Board  
**RETIREMENT & *AND* SERVICE RECOGNITION  
CELEBRATION POLICY**

STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

200 – Human Resources

Policy No 201.2

Adopted Date: March 24, 1998

Latest Reviewed/Revised Date: October 27, 2020

In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board values and appreciates dedicated service by its **Niagara Catholic** employees and members of the clergy serving **elementary and secondary and continuing education** schools of the Board.

The Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration will recognize and honour Niagara Catholic retirees, employees with 25 years of service, and in partnership with the Diocese of St. Catharines, clergy within the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines and within the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Retirees:** Niagara Catholic employees who have notified Human Resources Services of their retirement from the Niagara Catholic District School Board as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.

**25 Years of Service:** Niagara Catholic employees who have contributed 25 years of service in Catholic education in the Niagara Catholic District School Board as identified by Human Resources Services as of the current calendar year.

**Clergy:** Members of the clergy who have served within the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines and within the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board and have been identified through the Office of the Bishop and/or local Religious Orders as celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as of the current calendar year.

~~Annually, the Board will invite its partners, OECTA, CUPE, and the Diocese of St. Catharines to co-host a Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration to formally express its appreciation to:~~

- ~~1. Employees who are retiring;~~
- ~~2. Employees who have contributed 25 years of service;~~
- ~~3. Clergy who have served within the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines and the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service as members of the clergy.~~

Please refer to the [Administrative Operational Procedures](#) for the implementation of this Policy.

<b>Adopted Date:</b>	<b>March 24, 1998</b>
<b>Revision History:</b>	<b>March 26, 2002 June 15, 2010 June 16, 2015 October 27, 2020</b>

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TOPIC: GOVERNANCE POLICIES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
BOARD  
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION POLICY (800.4)**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4), as presented.

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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: December 6, 2022



Niagara Catholic District School Board  
**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION POLICY**  
STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

800 – Schools and Community Councils

Policy No. 800.4

Adopted Date: April 24, 2007

Latest Reviewed/Revised Date: October 27, 2020

In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values, of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board recognizes that volunteers make a positive, meaningful and significant contribution to Niagara Catholic schools and the Board. and values the positive contribution that individuals make while volunteering in our Catholic school communities, committees and organizations.

~~With approval from the authorized administrator, Niagara Catholic volunteers undertake, without pay, assigned tasks that support and enhance the mission, vision and values of the Board.~~

Volunteers in Niagara Catholic schools support a strong Catholic identity and community that nurtures the distinctiveness of Catholic Education and advances student achievement and well-being.

Volunteers undertake, without remuneration, activities that support Catholic school communities, committees and organizations. Therefore, to recognize volunteers in Niagara Catholic schools, elementary and secondary administrators will host a Volunteer Recognition Celebration, during Catholic Education Week or National Volunteer Appreciation Week to recognize volunteers in their school communities, in consultation with their Catholic School Councils.

~~The Board recognizes that volunteers make a positive, meaningful and significant contribution to a school and/or the Board. Through their spirit of volunteerism, they help in building a strong Catholic identity and community that nurtures the distinctiveness of Catholic education and advances student achievement.~~

Please refer to the [Administrative Operational Procedures](#) for the implementation of this Policy.

**Reference**

- *Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures*
  - [Volunteering in Catholic Schools \(800.9\) AOP](#)

<b>Adopted Date:</b>	April 24, 2007
<b>Revision History:</b>	April 28, 2015 October 27, 2020

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TOPIC: GOVERNANCE POLICIES PRIOR TO VETTING  
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW POLICY (701.2)**

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Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Date: December 6, 2022



Niagara Catholic District School Board  
**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW POLICY**  
 STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

700 – Building and Sites

Policy No. 701.2

Adopted Date: April 28, 1998

Latest Reviewed/Revised Date: February 23, 2016

In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, Niagara Catholic is committed to providing the best educational facilities that advance student achievement for all and build strong Catholic identity and community.

In accordance with the Ministry of Education, the Niagara Catholic District School Board recognizes its responsibility:

- To provide adequate accommodation and instruction for all pupils attending its schools;
- To undertake long-term capital planning;
- To operate its schools economically and efficiently, while providing the best Catholic education for the pupils, within the limits of the Board's available resources;
- To explore opportunities for effective, sustainable partnerships; and
- To maintain communication with stakeholders and potential partners concerning possible changes in the status of a school or of school boundaries.

The Board acknowledges that the consolidation or closure of schools may be required to meet the above objectives. The Board is committed to providing student accommodation in a responsible and organized manner considering reasonable and just alternatives.

The Director of Education shall present an Initial Staff Report to the Board to review a school or schools for potential consolidation or closure. The Board may establish an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and provide the terms of reference or proceed to the a Modified Accommodation Review Process.

The Board shall consider consolidation or closure of a school(s) following the submission of the Final Staff Report which will contain feedback from an Accommodation Review Committee and/or a community consultation section. The Niagara Catholic District School Board has the discretion to approve the recommendation(s) of the Final Staff Report as presented, modify the recommendation(s) of the Final Staff of the report or to approve a different outcome. The final decision regarding the future of a school or group of schools rests solely with the Board of Trustees.

The Director of Education will issue *Administrative Operational Procedures* in support of this policy.

### References

- [Ministry of Education - Administrative Review of the Accommodation Review Process](#)
- [Ministry of Education - Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines \(Revised March 2015\)](#)
- [Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures](#)
  - [Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy \(301.1\)](#)
  - [Attendance Areas Policy \(301.3\)](#)
  - [Board By-Laws Policy \(100.1\)](#)
  - [Community Planning & Partnerships \(800.6\) AOP](#)

<b>Adopted Date:</b>	<b>April 28, 1998</b>
<b>Revision History:</b>	<b>March 27, 2007</b> <b>February 23, 2010</b> <b>February 23, 2016</b>



**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE**

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The Policy Review  
Schedule is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Presented by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: December 6, 2022



# GOVERNANCE POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2022 - JUNE 2023

Updated: Updated: October 11, 2022

SORTED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATE					
Policy Issued	Reviewed Revised	Policy #	POLICY NAME	Prior to Vetting	After Vetting
NEW	NEW	NEW	Right to Disconnect		September 2022
2017	2017	600.6	Privacy	September 2022	November 2022
1998	2018	600.2	Records and Information Management	September 2022	November 2022
1998	2020	201.2	Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration	October 2022	December 2022
2007	2020	800.4	Volunteer Recognition	October 2022	December 2022
1998	2018	100.4	Student Trustees	November 2022	January 2023
1998	2016	701.2	Pupil Accommodation Review	December 2022	February 2022
2012	2018	701.5	Bottled Water	January 2023	March 2023
2011	2018	400.6	Environmental Stewardship	January 2023	March 2023
2013	2019	100.6.2	Student Senate - Elementary	January 2023	March 2023
2000	2019	100.6.1	Student Senate - Secondary	January 2023	March 2023
2006	2018	201.12	Electronic Communications Systems (Employees)	February 2023	April 2023
2012	2018	201.17	Employee Code of Conduct & Ethics	March 2023	May 2023
2004	2018	100.7	Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction	March 2023	May 2023
2002	2022	201.7	Employee Workplace Harassment *	April 2023	June 2023
2002	2022	201.11	Employee Workplace Violence *	April 2023	June 2023
2002	2022	201.6	Occupational Health & Safety *	April 2023	June 2023

\* Ministry of Labour Compliance Annual Review

SORTED BY BOARD MEETING DATE					
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2002	2022	201.11	Employee Workplace Violence *	June 2023	
2002	2022	201.6	Occupational Health & Safety *	June 2023	

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE  
(EQAO) RESULTS FOR THE 2021-2022 ASSESSMENTS AND  
GRADUATION RATES FOR THE 2016-2017 GRADE 9  
COHORT**

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The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results for the 2021-2022 Assessments and Graduation Rates for the 2016-2017 Grade 9 Cohort report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education  
Christine Battagli, Consultant-Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Presented by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education

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

Date: December 6, 2022



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2022**

### **EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (EQAO) RESULTS FOR THE 2021-2022 ASSESSMENTS AND GRADUATION RATES FOR THE 2016-2017 GRADE 9 COHORT**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

As part of Board and school improvement and equity planning, Senior Administrative Council, school administrators and staff review EQAO assessment and graduation rates data to inform system, school and classroom programs and practices in order to support improvements in learning, progress and achievement for all students.

#### **EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (EQAO)**

The Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to participate in EQAO's primary division, junior division and secondary-level assessments.

EQAO is a board-governed agency of the Ministry of Education that supports student learning and public accountability in Ontario's education system. Through the assessments, EQAO provides independent data in relation to the expectations outlined in the Ontario curriculum.

This year marks a return to the agency's large-scale provincial assessment administration after a pause for the prior two years. This is the first time that EQAO is reporting on achievement results of its new digitalized and modernized assessments, which includes a new online mode of assessment delivery and new assessment models which differ from the prior paper-based assessments. EQAO has also released data from student questionnaires that provide contextual and attitudinal information about student learning to help build a fuller picture of the students' context and the factors that influence achievement.

School boards and schools can now access results through EQAO's new reporting tool which includes interactive dashboards. This platform was developed with the input from educators from across the province and provides access to data on students' achievement and learning perceptions. The platform offers the ability to view information at the provincial, school and school board levels in support of students' learning across Ontario. School, Board and Provincial Results are available at <https://www.eqao.com/results/>.

Due to the substantial changes to the EQAO delivery and assessment model, as well as the introduction of new mathematics curricula, this year's data from the Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test provides a new baseline of information to support improvement planning across the province, districts and schools.

This new baseline of information also informs the resources, programs and supports provided by Niagara Catholic staff, including the Program & Innovation and Student Support departments, in order to drive improvements in literacy and numeracy skills for all students.

## GRADUATION RATES

The Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to support students to become Niagara Catholic graduates, fulfilling the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Board.

According to the information published through the Ministry of Education's School Board Progress Reports, as of August 31, 2021, 91.7 per cent of students were graduating in five years and 89.2 per cent of students were graduating in four years in the Niagara Catholic District School Board. In Ontario, 89.0 per cent of students were graduating in five years and 84.2 per cent in four years.

School Board Progress Reports are available on the Ministry of Education site at <https://www.app.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/bpr/index.html>.

The four-year and five-year graduation rate is calculated as the percentage of students who receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

For Niagara Catholic students to earn an OSSD, they must:

- earn a minimum of thirty (30) credits, including eighteen (18) compulsory credits, four (4) religious education credits, and eight (8) optional credits;
- meet the provincial secondary school literacy requirement, and;
- complete 40 hours of Christian Community Service activities.

This report includes two appendices to highlight results of the 2021-2022 EQAO assessments and graduation rates.

A visual presentation is to accompany this report.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results for the 2021-2022 Assessments and Graduation Rates for the 2016-2017 Grade 9 Cohort report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education  
Christine Battagli, Consultant-Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Presented by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education

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

Date: December 6, 2022

## Appendix A

# Highlights of EQAO Primary Division (Grade 3) Results for 2021-22

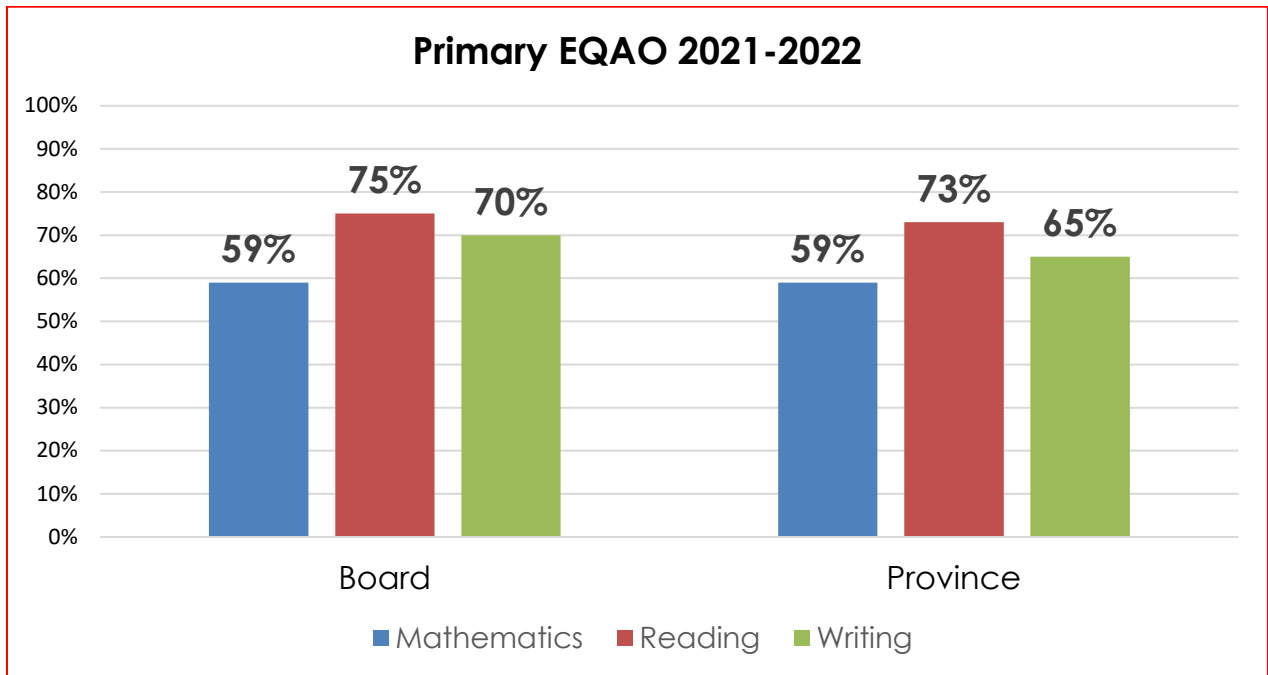
### ⌘ Contextual Student Information

Fully Participating Grade 3 Students	Mathematics # of Students	Mathematics Participation Rate	Reading # of Students	Reading Participation Rate	Writing # of Students	Writing Participation Rate
Board	1283	93.2%	1199	92.8%	1201	92.8%

### ⌘ Achievement Results

**Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)**

	Mathematics	Reading	Writing
Board	59%	75%	70%
Province	59%	73%	65%



# Highlights of EQAO Junior Division (Grade 6) Results for 2021-22

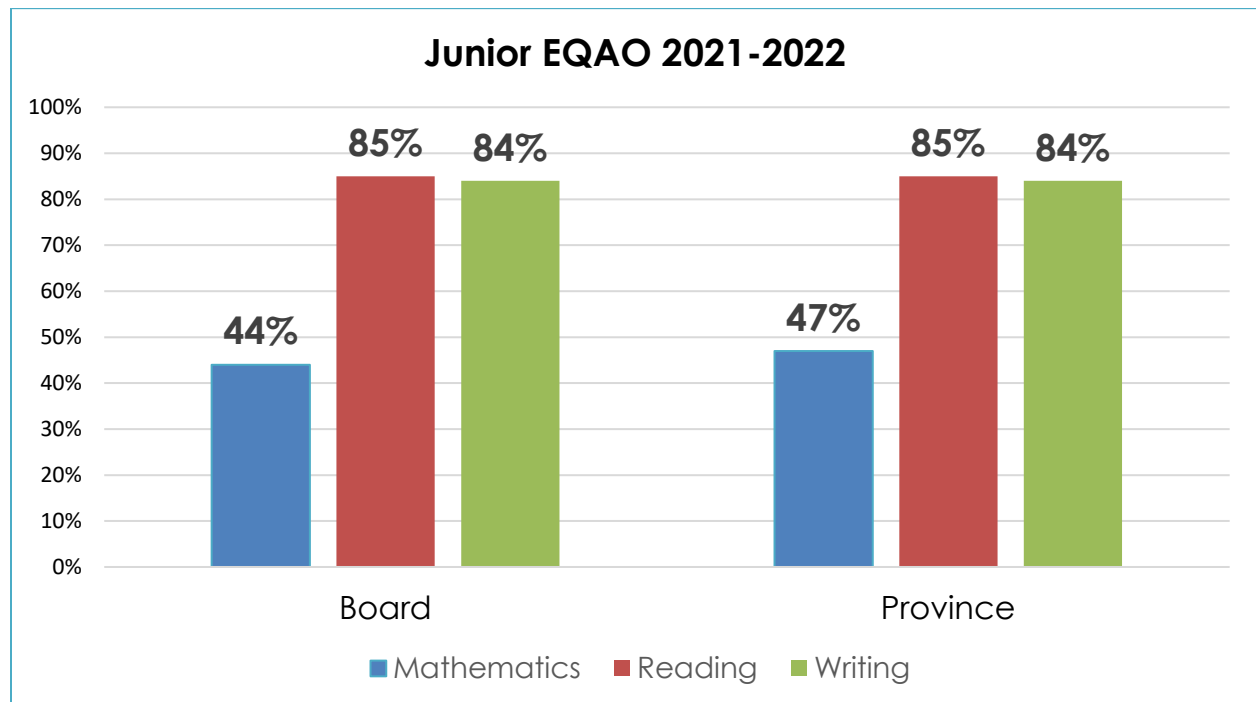
## ⌘ Contextual Student Information

Fully Participating Grade 6 Students	Mathematics # of Students	Mathematics Participation Rate	Reading # of Students	Reading Participation Rate	Writing # of Students	Writing Participation Rate
Board	1338	94.6%	1339	94.6%	1339	94.6%

## ⌘ Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)

	Mathematics	Reading	Writing
<b>Board</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>84%</b>
Province	47%	85%	84%



# Highlights of EQAO Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment Results for 2021-22

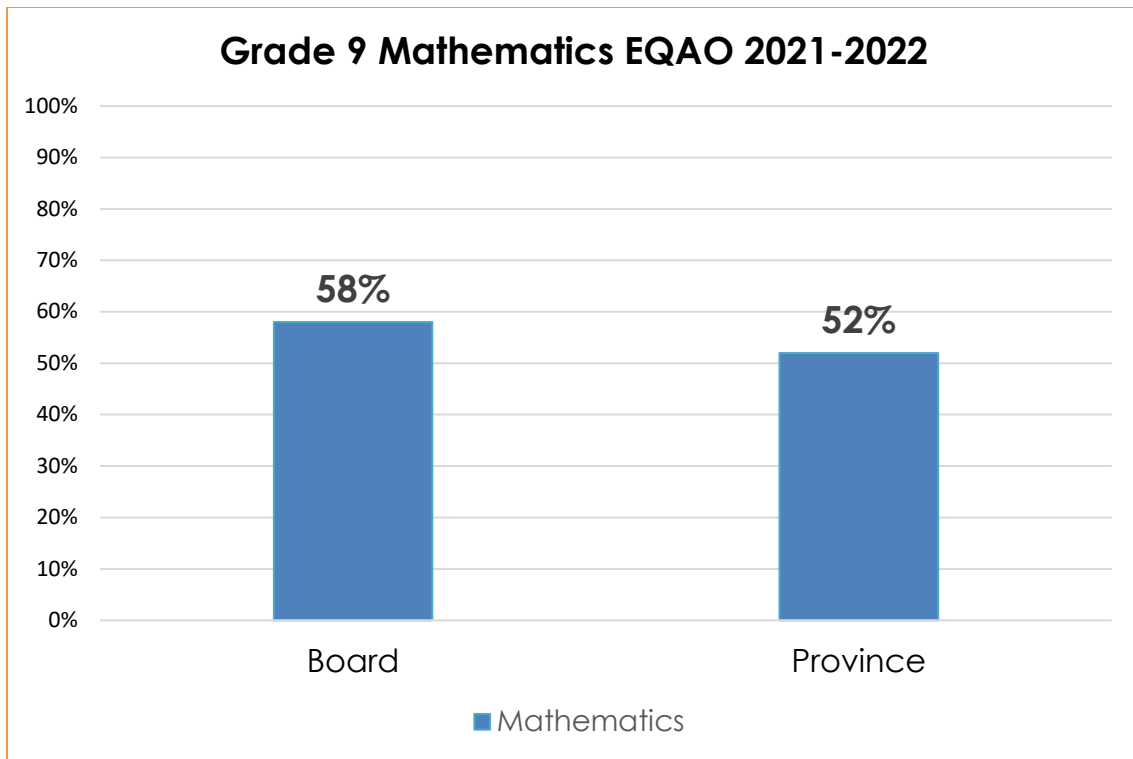
## ⌘ Contextual Student Information

# of Fully Participating Grade 9 Students	Participation Rate
869	96.9%

## ⌘ Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)

**Board** **Mathematics**  
Province **58%**  
52%





# Highlights of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results for 2021-22

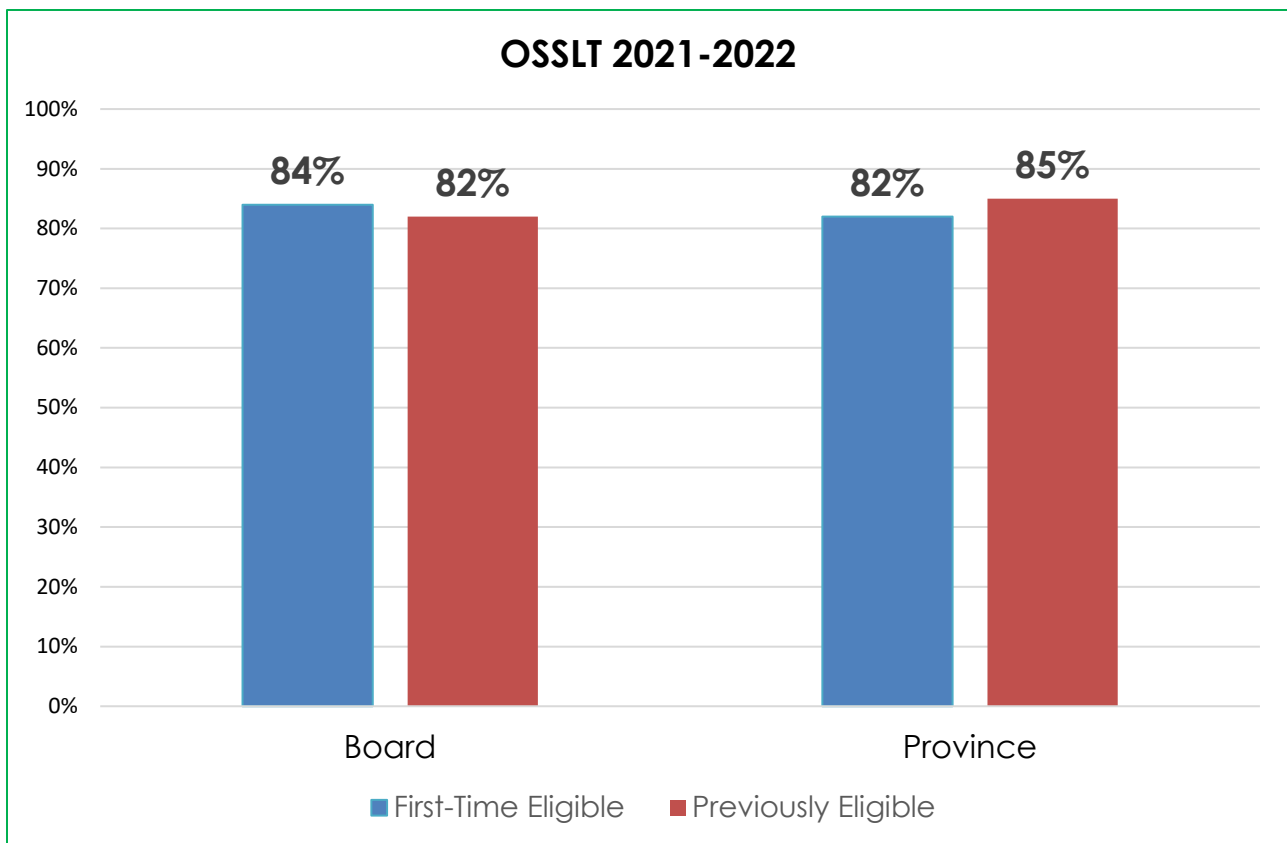
## ⌘ Contextual Student Information

Students	# of Fully Participating Students	Participation Rate
First-Time Eligible	1254	87.2%
Previously Eligible	1017	74.6%

## ⌘ Achievement Results

### Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful

	First-Time Eligible	Previously Eligible
<b>Board</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Province</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>



## Appendix B

### GRADUATION RATES FOR THE 2016-2017 GRADE 9 COHORT

2016-2017 Grade 9 Cohort	Four-Year Graduation Rate	Five-Year Graduation Rate
<b>Board</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>91.7%</b>
<i>Province</i>	84.2%	89.0%

For Niagara Catholic	Progress in Four-Year Graduation Rate	Progress in Five-Year Graduation Rate
Between 2019 and 2021	-2.7 percentage points	-2.5 percentage points

### ⌘ Comparison of Graduation Rates for Coterminous and Contiguous Boards as of August 31, 2021

ONTARIO	84.2%	89.0%
School Board	Four-Year Graduation Rate (%)	Five-Year Graduation Rate (%)
<b>Niagara CDSB *</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>91.7</b>
Brant Haldimand Norfolk CDSB	80.6	85.5
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	94.1	95.8
CS Viamonde *	89.4	92.1
DSB Niagara *	82.3	86.2
Grand Erie DSB	68.6	76.1
Hamilton-Wentworth CDSB	82.8	89.1
Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	74.9	81.6

\*Coterminous Boards

### ⌘ Niagara Catholic Placement Among Other District School Boards

For the 2016-2017 Grade 9 Cohort, Niagara Catholic's place among 72 District School Boards (DSBs)	Four-Year Graduation Rate	Five-Year Graduation Rate
Out of all <b>English Catholic</b> DSBs	10 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
Out of <b>All Catholic</b> DSBs	18 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
Out of <b>All</b> DSBs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: FATHER PATRICK H. FOGARTY EASEMENT REQUEST**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the request to establish an easement in favour of Welland Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) over Father Patrick H. Fogarty Adult and Continuing Education Centre lands.

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

Date: December 6, 2022



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECEMBER 6, 2022**

### **FATHER PATRICK H. FOGARTY EASEMENT REQUEST**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Niagara Catholic has been approached by Welland Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) to establish an easement in favour of WFES over Father Patrick H. Fogarty Adult and Continuing Education Centre lands (Appendix A).

WFES has acquired the lands located at 924 Prince Charles Drive, in the City of Welland. During land acquisition, WFES attempted to purchase the adjacent lot located at 884 Prince Charles Drive, Welland, which is owned by Niagara Region. These attempts to purchase were unsuccessful. This led to WFES approaching Niagara Catholic to discuss establishing an easement over the Father Patrick H. Fogarty lands.

The location of the easement, as indicated in Appendix A, is currently used for school buses and vehicles to access Father Patrick H. Fogarty's site. WFES has indicated that the easement would be used by vehicles returning from calls and does not anticipate concerns about site access potentially being impeded by school buses or other vehicles entering the site. Further, they have indicated that they would be willing to assume costs related to asphalt paving and fence repairs.

#### **O. Reg. 444/98: DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AND ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Niagara Catholic has reviewed O.Reg. 444/98, in relation to this proposal and note the following:

- Part 1 of OReg 444/98 does allow the leasing/sale/granting of an easement, etc., for specific purposes to specific entities without going through the process outlined in the Education Act. These entities are limited to the following:
  - The municipality in which the property is located,
  - Any local board of the municipality in which the property is located,
  - If the property is located in an upper-tier municipality, that upper-tier municipality, or
  - If the property is located in an upper-tier municipality, any local board of that upper-tier municipality.
- 1.1 (1) of OReg 444/98 states that the board may grant an easement over any of its real property if,
  - (a) it has adopted a resolution under clause 194 (3) (a) of the Act that it does not require for its purposes the interest that the easement would create;
  - (b) the grant of an easement is for the consideration that the board considers reasonable; and
  - (c) the grant of an easement does not have the effect of rendering any school site or part of a school site no longer suitable for providing pupil accommodation. O. Reg. 535/00, s. 2.

Niagara Catholic obtained a Legal opinion from our Solicitors. The opinion stated that:

*“As per number 1 above, NCDSB could grant an easement in favour of a municipality (in the case at hand the City of Welland) subject to complying with 1.1 (1) of OReg 444/98 and in particular:*

- a) (a) NCDSB adopting a resolution under clause 194 (3) (a) of the Act that it does not require for its purposes the interest that the easement would create;*
- b) (b) the grant of an easement is for the consideration that the board considers reasonable; and*
- c) (c) the grant of an easement does not have the effect of rendering any school site or part of a school site no longer suitable for providing pupil accommodation. O. Reg. 535/00, s. 2.*

*So long as the foregoing are met then NCDSB could grant the easement to a municipality (in the case at hand the City of Welland).”*

Given the above, Board Staff are in favour of granting the easement.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Niagara Catholic is committed to working with community partners who support Catholic education to make the best use of its facilities. Working with WFES would provide an increase in partnerships and potential educational opportunities. WFES has been supportive of the opportunity to work with Niagara Catholic.

Allowing for this easement would be aligned with our Community Planning & Partnership Policy (800.6), as it facilitates and strengthens relationships with community partners and is in compliance with O.Reg. 444/98.

Attachments:

Appendix A: Aerial View of Proposed Easement Location

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the request to establish an easement in favour of Welland Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) over Father Patrick H. Fogarty Adult and Continuing Education Centre lands.

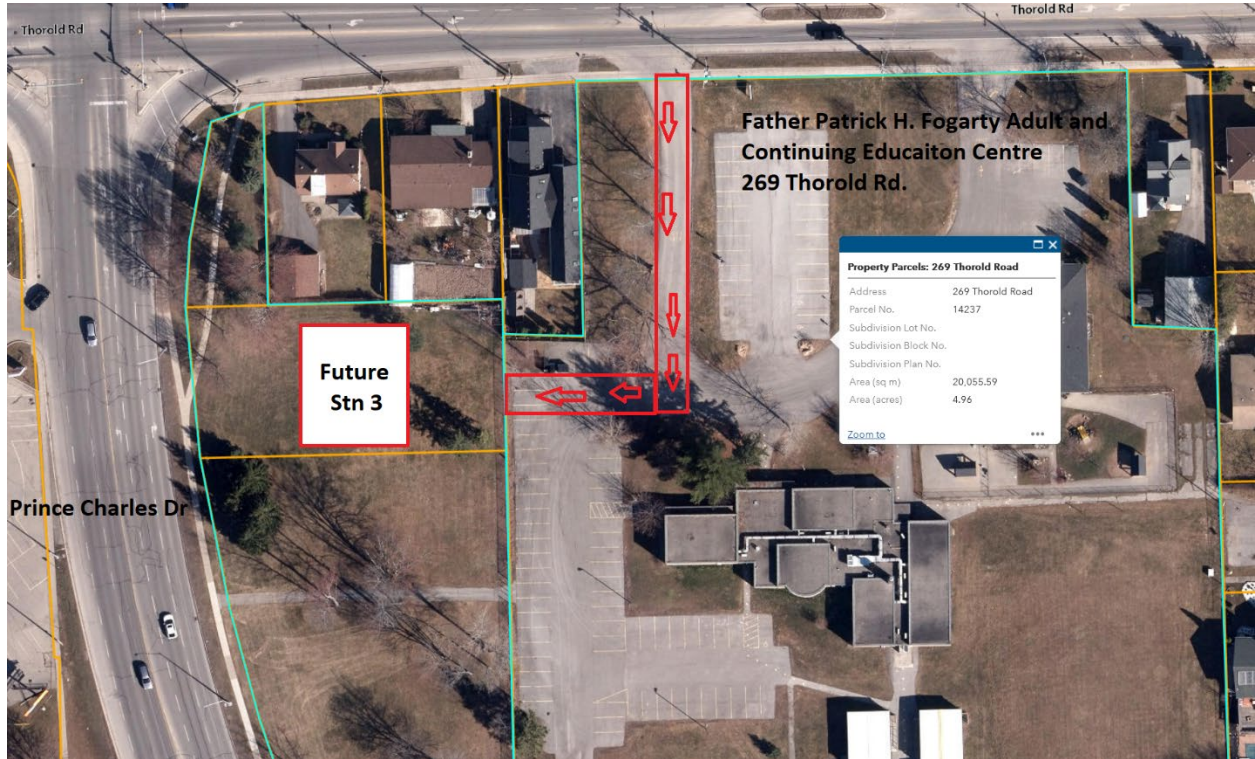
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# Appendix A Aerial View of Proposed Easement Location



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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
ANNUAL FAITH FORMATION – DECEMBER 15, 2022**

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## **ADVENT FAITH FORMATION & LUNCH**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

**Club Roma (Starlight Room), 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines**

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### ***Theme - Nurturing Adult Faith Formation***

- 11:00 a.m.      Welcome and Introduction**  
Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education
- 11:15 a.m.      Nurturing Adult Faith Formation**  
Michael Pautler, former Director of I.C.E
- 12:00 p.m.      Table Talk**
- 12:20 p.m.      Remarks & Grace before Meals**  
Bishop Bergie
- 12:30 p.m.      Lunch and Fellowship**



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DRAFT 2023 BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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## 2023 BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Members to the Committees are appointed by the Chair of the Board  
in consultation with the Vice-Chair of the Board.

STATUTORY COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED	2023 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Audit Committee</i></b> <i>O. Reg. 361/10, s. 7 (1). The term of office of a member of the audit committee who is a board member shall be determined by the board but shall not exceed four years.</i>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Rhianon Burkholder Larry Huibers Doug Joyner
<b><i>Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (N.C.P.I.C.)</i></b>	<i>2 Trustees required</i>	Natalia Benoit Joe Bruzzese
<b><i>Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.)</i></b>	<i>2 Trustees &amp; 1 Alternate required</i>	Doug Joyner Jim Marino Larry Huibers – Alternate
<b><i>Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (S.A.L. Committee)</i></b>	<i>2 Trustees required</i>	Danny Di Lorenzo Paul Turner

STANDING COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED	2023 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Disciplinary Hearing Committee</i></b> <i>NOTE: All Trustees serve as alternates for this Committee only</i>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Rhianon Burkholder Danny Di Lorenzo Jim Marino

AD HOC COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED	2023 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Natalia Benoit Doug Joyner Jim Marino
<b><i>Denis Morris, Holy Cross, and Saint Francis Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Natalia Benoit Rhianon Burkholder Larry Huibers
<b><i>Growth &amp; Retention Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>All Trustees</i>	All Trustees
<b><i>Lakeshore Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Danny Di Lorenzo Doug Joyner Paul Turner
<b><i>Notre Dame College Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Joe Bruzzese Rhianon Burkholder Paul Turner
<b><i>Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Joe Bruzzese Danny Di Lorenzo Jim Marino

OTHER LIAISON COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP MANDATED	2023 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Staff Wellness Committee</i></b>	<i>1 Trustee required</i>	Larry Huibers