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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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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



A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayers – Trustee Burkholder -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
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B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2013-2014 School Year C1
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3. Mental Health Leaders to Support School Mental Health Assist C3
4. Raise Me Up 2013 C4
5. Parents Reaching Out Grants 2013-2014 C5
6. International Education Partnership Agreements C6
7. Monthly Updates
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7.2 Student Senate Update -
7.3 Senior Staff Good News Update -

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information
1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 18, 2013 D1.1
1.2 Calendar of Events – September 2013 D1.2
1.3 Director's Letter to Students and Parents – September 2013 D1.3
1.4 Director's Letter to Staff – September 2013 D1.4
1.5 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 18, 2013 D1.5
1.6 Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade – September 28, 2013 -
1.7 OCSTA Central Region Meeting, Oshawa – October 1, 2013 D1.7
1.8 CCSTA National Conversation on Catholic Education – Ottawa – October 3, 2013 D1.8
1.9 Invitation to Celebration in Honour of Retirement of Sr. Joan Cronin D1.9
Sunday, October 6, 2013 - 4:30 p.m.
1.10 Community Consultation Kit Launch - Next Phase in Ontario's Education Strategy D1.10

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION

H. ADJOURNMENT

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2013**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2013, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 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 Charbonneau.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee O’Leary.

2. Roll Call

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
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| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓ | | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | ✓ | | | |
| Maurice Charbonneau | ✓ | | | |
| Frank Fera | ✓ | | | |
| Fr. Paul MacNeil | ✓ | | | |
| Ed Nieuwesteeg | | | | ✓ |
| Ted O’Leary | ✓ | | | |
| Dino Sicoli | ✓ | | | |
| Student Trustees | | | | |
| Vincent Atallah | ✓ | | | |
| Michael Blair | ✓ | | | |

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

Director Crocco welcomed Dallas McMahon, 2013-2014 Student Trustee, and presented some background information on Dallas' achievements.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked 2012-2013 Student Trustees Vincent Atallah and Michael Blair for being the voice, the reason and the passion of the student body of Niagara Catholic, and expressed pleasure in having Vincent return to serve a second term for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Student Trustees were presented with a Board plaque in recognition of their dedication to Niagara Catholic.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item C9.1 of the Public Agenda, as she has a family member who is associated with the Quartek Group.

5. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2013

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines - Lego/Robotics Team

Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Marilyn Burcsik, Principal of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School. Principal Burcsik presented background information on the Fatima Falcons Lego/Robotics Team who participated in the Regional Tournament held in December and qualified for the Provincial East Tournament in January. She indicated that the team placed first in the Provincial East Tournament which qualified them to participate in the FLL North American Open Tournament held at Legoland in California. The team placed 19th out of 74 teams in the Robot Games.

The team members were presented with "Excellence in Academics" pins in recognition of their accomplishments during the past school year.

2. Skills Canada National Competition

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Marco Magazzeni, Program/School Effectiveness Consultant, who presented information on the Ontario Technological Skills Competition and the Skills Canada National Competition which was held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Antonio Soares, Vice-Principal of Saint Michael Catholic High School, introduced Paul Cianflone, Teacher and Skills Coach, who provided information on student Alex Vandenberg's Provincial Gold accomplishment at the Skills Ontario Competition in Web Development.

Ralph DeFazio, Principal of Notre Dame College School, introduced Teacher Kevin Grand, who provided information on student Marc Mailhot who captured Gold at the Skills Ontario Competition in Electronics.

Alex and Marc represented Ontario at the Skills Canada National Competition in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The students were presented with "Excellence in Academics" pins for their achievements.

3. OFSAA Medalists

Mike Sheahan, Program/School Effectiveness Consultant, welcomed Joe Zaroda, Principal of Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, who provided information on the OFSAA Medalists at the school.

Principal Zaroda welcomed the coaches to present further information on the OFSAA Para-swimming Silver and Bronze medalists; the OFSAA Swimming Gold and Bronze Medalists; the OFSAA Girls' Soccer Gold Medal winners; and Blessed Trinity's Co-ed Cheerleading who claimed both the Provincial and National Championship at the Cheer Evolution Championships.

The Blessed Trinity award winning athletes were presented with "Excellence in Athletics" pin in recognition of their many successes and achievements.

4. Notre Dame College School Cheerleaders - 2013 Canadian National Champion Team

Ralph DeFazio, Principal of Notre Dame College School, introduced the Cheerleading Coaches, who provided information on the 2nd Annual World School Cheerleading Championships at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex on the Disney World Property in Orlando, Florida, in which they earned a 2nd place in the Nations' Cup and a 7th place finish in their division overall.

The team also defended their Canadian Students National title at the Hershey Centre for a second year in a row making it a back to back National title for the Irish.

The Cheerleaders were presented with "Excellence in Athletics" pin in recognition of their many successes and triumphs.

5. European Council for Nuclear Research Award

Ralph DeFazio, Principal of Notre Dame College School, introduced Jennifer Csele, Grade 11 student, who is the recipient of the CERN Award which is the "Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire", or European Council for Nuclear Research Award.

Jennifer will be travelling to Switzerland on June 22, 2013 to visit the CERN Hadron Collider. She is also the recipient of the “Google Think Big Award” and has been awarded a scholarship to the University of Virginia.

Jennifer was congratulated on her achievements and presented with an “Excellence in Academics” pin.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that Item C2 be moved to before Item C1.

CARRIED

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 28, 2013

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 28, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Policies

1.2.1 Community Use of Facilities Policy (#800.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Community Use of Facilities Policy (#800.2), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.2 Catholic School Councils Policy (#800.1) and By-Laws

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Catholic School Councils Policy (#800.1) and By-Laws, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.3 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Community Policy (#800.7) and By-Laws

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Community Policy (#800.7) and By-Laws, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.4 Security Surveillance Policy (#701.3)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Video Security Surveillance Policy (#701.3), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.5 Death Benefit Policy (#201.5)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Death Benefit Policy (#201.5), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.6 Deferred Salary Plan (X/Y) Policy (#201.10)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Deferred Salary Plan (X/Y) Policy (#201.10), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.7 Leadership Pathway Policy (new)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Leadership Pathway Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

1.3 Policy and Guideline Review 2012-2013 Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2012-2013 Schedule for Trustees' Information and provided Trustees with a summary of the policies reviewed and developed since September 2009.

2. First Annual Youth Leadership Camp – Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Catholic

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Sergeant Chris Stewart of the Niagara Regional Police Services and Josh Oort, Student Success Teacher from Saint Michael Catholic High School. Sergeant Stewart and Mr. Oort provided information on the very successful first annual Youth Leadership Camp held at Camp Medeba in West Guilford, Ontario, a leadership camp which offers students an opportunity to network with the Niagara Regional Police Officers in a proactive and friendly environment while learning the necessary skills to become a leader within each school community.

3. **Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2013-2014**

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the report on the Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2013-2014.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$5,375.00 for the Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2013-2014 per eligible student, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Addition and Alterations to Saint Michael Catholic High School
- Award of Construction Contract**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the report on the Addition and Alterations to Saint Michael Catholic High School, Award of Construction Contract.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the award of a construction contract to Brouwer Construction (1981) Ltd. for the addition and alterations to Saint Michael Catholic High School.

CARRIED

5. **Report on the 2013-2014 Annual Budget**

On behalf of Senior Administrative Council, Director Crocco and Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, presented the report on the Annual Budget 2013-2014. Director Crocco stated that Senior Administrative Council is submitting a balanced budget without the transfer of funds from the reserves. He noted that the budget allocates the necessary funding to implement and deliver the excellence in distinctive programs and services to our students and staff as approved in the Board approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and the System Priorities for 2013-2014.

Director Crocco noted that the 2013-2014 annual Board Budget does not include the associated costs to implement the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Education and OECTA.

Senior Staff presented highlights on specific areas of program and responsibilities.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the 2013-2014 Annual Budget, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Research Projects in the Niagara Catholic District School Board – 2012-2013 School Year**

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells presented the report on the Research Projects in the Niagara Catholic District School Board – 2012-2013 School Year.

7. **Early Learning Kindergarten Extended Day Program – Update**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Early Learning Kindergarten Extended Day Program – Update.

8. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities - 2013

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented information on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

Mr. Syne thanked the Board for their support throughout the years, and expressed pleasure in his working relationship with the staff and Trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau thanked Mr. Syne for his dedication and commitment to Catholic education and wished him well in his retirement.

9. Monthly Updates

9.1 Capital Projects Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

9.2 Student Trustees' Update

Vincent Atallah and Michael Blair, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate, and spoke of their many fulfilling experiences they have had over the past year.

Dallas McMahon, Student Trustee 2013-2014, expressed his pleasure and anticipation at serving the students of Niagara Catholic over the next school year.

9.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Controller of Facilities Whitwell

- Niagara Catholic schools has received been 100% EcoSchool certified for the 4th year in a row. Niagara Catholic received several silver and bronze certification and over 60% of the schools are gold certified.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Fort Erie has been selected as the winner for the Young People's Award – Elementary Age Category in the 2013 Niagara Region Environmental Awards Program. Lorrie Mackenzie, Principal, the Eco Team of students, and staff will be attending the 24th annual Niagara Region Environmental Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 13th, at Niagara Region Headquarters to recognize their achievement and receive their award.

Superintendent Baldasaro

- 2013 Niagara Anti-Stigma Campaign school initiatives:
 - Mackenzie Williams from Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School, was the winner of the elementary poster contest in the Grades 1-3 category.
 - A group of students from Saint Michael Catholic High School Grade 12 Literacy Class was the winner of the secondary video contest. This video will be screened live at the Hope Awards on Friday, June 14th, 2013.

Superintendent Iannantuono

- Minister Coteau, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, visited St. Ann's Learning Centre in Niagara Falls with Director Crocco, Superintendent Iannantuono and staff to discuss programs.

Superintendent Ciccarelli

- Denis Morris Catholic High School and Saint Michael Catholic High School were awarded with the Premier's Award for Accepting Schools in recognition of schools who are leaders in promoting and creating a safe and accepting school environment.

Director Crocco

- St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls received \$60,000 from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 28, 2013

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 28, 2013 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – June 2013

Director Crocco presented the June 2013 Calendar of Events for Trustees' information.

1.3 Niagara Catholic Retirement Celebration and Recognition Night – June 22, 2013

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Niagara Catholic Retirement Celebration and Recognition Night is being held June 22, 2013 at Club Italia.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena by June 14, 2013.

1.4 Summer Hours 2013 – Catholic Education Centre

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the Summer Hours 2013 for the Catholic Education Centre, indicating that staff, including members and Senior Administrative Council have scheduled various vacation dates throughout the summer starting the first week of July.

The summer hours for the CEC are Monday to Thursday – 8:30 - 4:00, closed on Fridays from July 5th to August 16th. The CEC will be closed from July 26th to August 2nd.

The Elementary school secretaries last day is June 28th and will return to the schools on August 26th. The Secondary school secretaries last day is July 5th and will return on August 19th.

1.5 Draft Board Calendar 2013-2014

Director Crocco presented the Draft Board Calendar 2013-2014, and informed Trustees that the Board has received Ministry approval for the calendar.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Director Crocco informed the Board that students are continuing to enrol in Niagara Catholic's French Language Immersion Program. Superintendent Lefebvre will provide an update on enrolment at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting. Further updates regarding the Boards plans for February 2014 registration and locations will be provided in the fall.
- Superintendent Ciccarelli, Controller of Facilities Whitwell, and Manager of Facilities Services Levinski continue to finalize the background information for the St. Catharines Attendance Area Review Committee for the St. James and Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary Schools area. The Committee will commence meetings in early September and provide dates for the first meeting to the Committee members.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 10:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2013.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on May 14, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

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 May 14, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the June 11, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 11th, 2013.**

Approved on the **10th** day of **September 2012.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND SENIOR STAFF
INTRODUCTION TO THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

The report on the Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2013-2014 School Year is presented for information.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: September 10, 2013



NIAGARA CATHOLIC STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SYSTEM PRIORITIES 2013-2014

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Build Strong Catholic Identity and Community to Nurture the Distinctiveness of Catholic Education

- To enhance our distinctive Catholic educational system by implementing the second year of the Niagara Catholic Faith Formation program, *Growing in Wisdom to Worship and Witness*.
- To conduct a Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary Student Conference 2014 focusing on the theme of *Growing in Wisdom to Worship*.
- To enhance social justice experiences and global citizenship for elementary and secondary students and staff through local, national and international experiences.

Advance Student Achievement for All

- To support all students who are six years of age in the development of literacy skills, particularly in learning to read.
- To consolidate an inquiry based model of teaching and learning in all elementary and secondary schools.
- To enhance language acquisition for elementary and secondary students through the expansion of French Immersion at designated sites and specific international languages to meet the needs of students.
- To implement a Niagara Catholic High Performance Academic Support Program for identified students which supports their training, competition and academic pathway with the excellence of Catholic education.
- To implement a Niagara Catholic Secondary School to provide alternative Catholic education to students through a variety of individualized programming models to achieve student success.
- To support the system implementation of the Ministry of Education “Growing Success Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools” and the Niagara Catholic Assessment, Evaluation Reporting and Homework Policy for all schools in the Board.
- To advance student achievement with Ministry of Education, Board and School teaching and learning initiatives on the Provincial EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments, the EQAO Secondary Mathematics Assessment, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) and classroom assessments to close the achievement gap for all students.
- To design specific initiatives to exceed the provincial target of 85% graduation rate of 2013-2014 Grade 12 students.
- To advance student achievement, through the development and implementation of the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA), and School Improvement Plans (SIP), for every elementary and secondary school focusing on the pillars of Catholic Faith, Community and Culture, Literacy, Numeracy, and Pathways in all schools.

ENABLING STRATEGIES

Provide Supports for Success

- To conduct a review of the Niagara Catholic Special Education Delivery Model to continue to ensure that all students who are most in need receive timely and appropriate supports.
- To implement the Mental Health and Addictions Nurses program in cooperation with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre to address the need for increased supports for child and youth mental health.
- To facilitate training and certification opportunities for Board and school personnel in the area of suicide awareness and prevention as part of the Niagara Catholic Mental Health and Addictions Plan.
- To promote and design programs and supports for healthy lifestyles of students and staff.

Enhance Technology for Optimal Learning

- To implement the second year of the digital transformation of the Board approved Niagara Catholic Blueprint for Technology Plan.
- To deploy system coaches to train and mentor staff on new technology and software to improve student achievement.

- To enhance software and hardware technology resources for the delivery of special education programs and services in all schools.
- To research and select a student achievement software program.
- To upgrade the technology infrastructure at the Niagara Catholic Data Centre.
- To design and implement a Technology Training Program for all staff.
- To design and implement a Niagara Catholic Technology Team that will install and repair technology hardware in all schools and Board sites.

Building Partnerships and Schools as Hubs

- To build capacity with Trustees, the Diocese of St. Catharines, Parishes, administrators, staff, Student Senate, Special Education Advisory Committee, Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Catholic School Councils and parents/guardians by providing current information and regular opportunities for continued dialogue on Catholic education for all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.
- To develop and implement programs through the engagement of community groups and the community use of schools program to address the needs of children and families including nutrition, physical activity and literacy.
- To expand educational-based research projects in the Board, by sharing current research and by extending research partnerships with outside agencies.

Strengthen Human Resource Practices and Develop Transformational Leadership

- To develop and implement the third year of the Niagara Catholic Human Resources Certificate Program for all Principals, Vice-Principals and Senior Administrators.
- To develop a web-based application which will provide elementary and secondary student enrolment to be accessed in real time.
- To develop Administrative Guidelines for the hiring and selection process of non-teaching staff in alignment with the Employee Hiring and Selection Policy.

Create Equity and Accessibility of Resources

- To monitor and address the compliance requirements that support the removal of barriers to individuals with disabilities in Board facilities as identified in the 2012-2017 Niagara Catholic Accessibility Plan and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation.
- To implement the strategies supporting equity, diversity and accessibility as identified under Catholic Faith, Community and Culture within the 2013-2014 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement.

Ensure Responsible Fiscal and Operational Management

- To comply with Ministry of Education requirements for fiscal financial management by presenting to the Board a balanced budget for 2013-2014.
- To consolidate key risks and mitigate budget factors into a single risk plan in connection with the annual budget for 2013-2014.
- To establish an integrated decision-making structure that supports responsive and responsible allocation of Ministry of Education resources.
- To foster a strong accountability framework that effectively aligns resources to support learning initiatives for all.
- To design a process to provide timely, relevant and reliable financial information that supports effective decision-making at both the school and system level.
- To achieve the goal of 100% certification of all elementary and secondary schools in the Provincial EcoSchool Program.
- To initiate a comprehensive plan for school ground greening initiatives in all elementary and secondary schools as part of our Green Niagara Catholic Program.
- To develop and implement a Niagara Catholic Energy Saving Program to reduce energy consumption as part of our Green Niagara Catholic Program.
- To design a revised Emergency Response Plan for all schools and Board sites.

Address Changing Demographics

- To monitor, report and make recommendations through stakeholder consultation, a comprehensive plan which incorporates changing enrolment, school capacity, attendance area boundaries and accommodation data by June 2014.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

2013-2014 School Year Calendar & Meeting Dates

| SEPTEMBER 2013 | | | | | | |
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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting
 Board Meeting
 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board
 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
 Policy Committee Meeting
 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m.
 2:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 4:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

2nd Tuesday of each month
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| St. Joseph | Loredana Spadafora | 905.945.4955 |
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| Sacred Heart | Lisa Selman | 905.295.3732 |
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| St. Catharines | | |
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| St. Thomas Centre | Robert DiPersio | 905.685.3276 |
| Welland | | |
| Father Fogarty Centre | Robert DiPersio | 905.734.4495 |

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN OR COMPLAINT
 (Complaint Resolution Policy 800.3)

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is committed to open communication with its parents, Catholic ratepayers and all educational partners through effective system and school based communication procedures. The Board recognizes that differences of opinion and concerns may arise during a school year. To facilitate the resolution of complaints the following process will be followed to focus on the issue:

COMPLAINANT AND EMPLOYEE CONCERNED
 The complainant is to contact the employee involved to discuss the concern and attempt to resolve the matter. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

COMPLAINANT AND THE EMPLOYEE'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
 The complainant will be referred to the employee's immediate supervisor to discuss the concern and attempt to resolve the matter. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

COMPLAINANT AND SUPERINTENDENT/CONTROLLER OF PLANT
 The complainant will be referred to the appropriate Superintendent or Controller of Plant to discuss the concern and attempt to resolve the matter. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

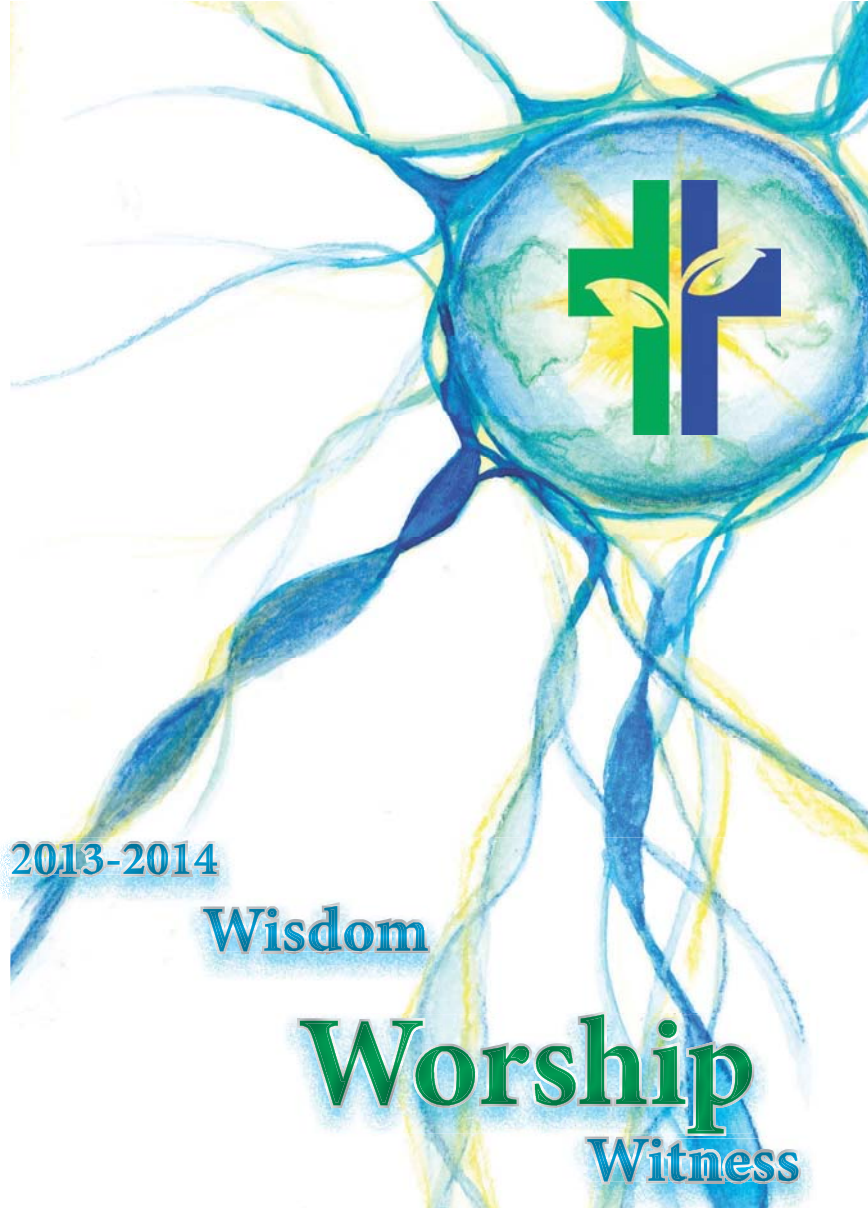
COMPLAINANT AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
 The complainant will be referred to the Director of Education for consideration of the complaint and the decisions made by supervisory staff of the Board. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

APPEAL TO THE BOARD
 A complainant may submit a written request to the Chairperson of the Board to delegate to the In-Camera Meeting of the Board if not satisfied with the decision of the Director of Education. The delegation request will follow Board By-Law Section 14 subsection B through J. The complainant will be advised in writing, unless otherwise advised by Board legal counsel, of any decisions taken by the Board in relation to the complaint.

TRUSTEES

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| Frank Fera | Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake | 905.228.3178 |
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| Dallas McMahon | Student Trustee | |
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| Yolanda Baldasaro | Superintendent of Education | 227 |
| Mario Ciccarelli | Superintendent of Education | 230 |
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Faith Formation Program



2013-2014

Wisdom

Worship

Witness

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Prayer

Gracious God, we pray that the
Niagara Catholic community may be inspired
to draw ever closer to you as we journey together in faith.

May we grow in Wisdom,
Eager to delve deeper into the mysteries of our faith
With our hearts open to your Divine Presence in our lives.

May we Worship and give You praise
with sincerity and true devotion.

May we be witnesses to your saving power in our lives,
with generous hearts and loving spirits.

Guide us and bless us as we grow in Wisdom to Worship and
Witness.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord and teacher. Amen.



*"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."*

Our mission statement defines our vision, but also includes its own challenge to each of us. We cannot nurture others unless we, ourselves, are fed. We cannot help to form community unless we, ourselves, engage communally.

As we move into the 2013-2014 school year, we continue to build on our three year theological theme: Growing in Wisdom to Worship & Witness. While it is our hope that we will always strive to grow in wisdom, this year we broaden our focus to include "Worship".

What does it mean to worship? For many of us the immediate thought which springs to mind is "going to church." Our formal community worship is certainly an integral part of our Christian journey, but throughout scripture we are often directed to a broader interpretation. We find the words "love", "praise" and "worship" used in so many ways and often interchangeably. Consider this verse from Matthew: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.* (Matt 22:37), and perhaps throughout this year we might ponder how we can love, praise and worship wherever we are, and in whatever we do!

It is our hope that throughout this upcoming year you will accept the invitation to nurture your own faith by participating in Niagara Catholic's adult faith formation opportunities which will enrich and complement current faith development practices.



Registration

Please register for all sessions by email to

debra.mccaffery@ncdsb.com

AND be sure to sign in when you attend the session.

Certificates of Participation will be provided upon request.

All staff are encouraged to participate in faith formation sessions. You may wish to identify this as a professional growth strategy related to a learning goal focused on faith within your Annual Learning Plan.

Specific commitments are asked of the following:

Administrators are asked to commit to any three sessions.

New Teacher Induction Program and
Leadership Internship Program
are asked to commit to three general sessions

Niagara Catholic Faith Formation
Sessions—

The perfect addition to
YOUR Annual Learning Plan!

When Faith meets Pedagogy Poster

WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY

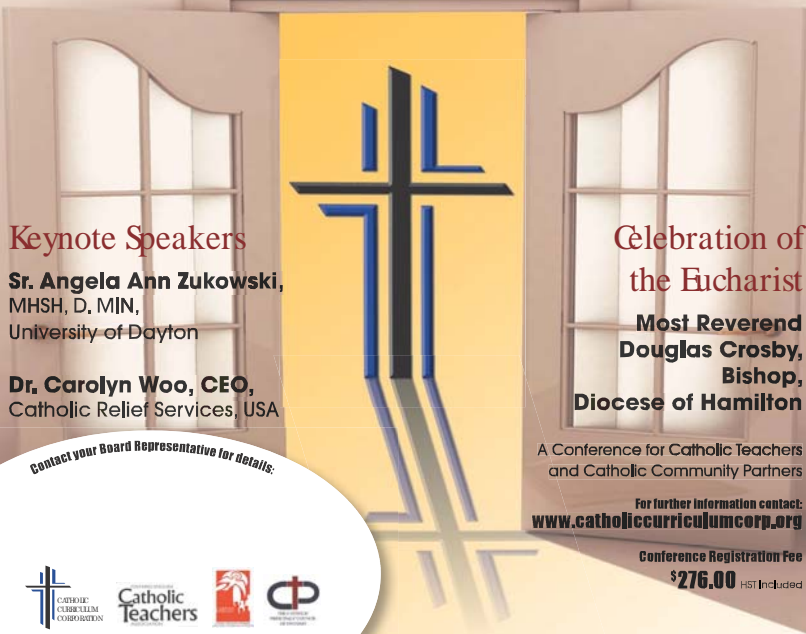
2013 Conference

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MHSW, D. MIN,
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Catholic
Teachers





Caring for God's Creation: YOU!

Two opportunities for all staff:

Date:..... Tuesday, October 1, 2013
Location:..... CEC, Fr. Burns csc Board Room
Time:..... 4:15—5:45 p.m.

Date:..... Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Location:..... St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby
Time:..... 4:15—5:45 p.m.

Presenter: Larry Novakowski

We offer praise to God when we care for Creation, which includes ourselves. As we move into a new school year with all its joys and challenges, how will we spiritually nurture ourselves along the journey?

Teacher, when did we see you?

Date:..... Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Time:..... 4:15—6:15 p.m.
Location:..... CEC, Fr. Burns csc Board Room
Participant Profile:..... All staff

Presenter: Michael Way Skinner

This presentation addresses Equity and Inclusion as an expression of our Catholic faith and by no means an imposition on us as Catholic communities. Using homosexuality, economic class, abilities and disabilities as exemplars, and rooted in the teaching of the Church, this presentation explores a uniquely Catholic response to Equity and Inclusion.

Ministry of Presence

Two opportunities for all staff:

Date:..... Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Location:..... Our Lady of the Scapular, NF
Time:..... 4:15—5:45 p.m.

Date:..... Thursday, November 7, 2013
Location:..... St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby
Time:..... 4:15—5:45 p.m.

Presenter: Sr. Mary Mettler, CSJ

The list of losses for people today, both children and adults, is growing longer and including more areas of life. What does it mean to accompany another who is grieving? How does our Catholic faith help us to be with another in healing love and compassion?

When Faith Meets Culture

Date:..... Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Time:..... 4:15—6:15 p.m.
Location:..... CEC, Fr. Kenneth Burns csc Board Room
Participant Profile:..... All staff

Presenter: Dan Moyrihan

How might we make living a life of faith accessible to our students and colleagues? With lives moving at the speed of light, how can one shape his or her prayer life? Dan will spend his time exploring some of the practical and lived experiences while presenting a life of faith as an experience of hope and joy. The intention is that you can leave this workshop with a deeper sense of Christian joy, a greater confidence in our respective calls of Catholic education and ministry and three or four tools that can be applied in your vocational setting.



We worship when we pray: A Listening Heart

Date:..... Thursday, December 5, 2013
Time:..... 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.
Location:..... CEC, Fr. Burns csc Board Room
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: Sr. Mary Mettler, CSJ

The multiplicity of books and conferences on prayer today speaks to a growing hunger for the spiritual, the divine in our western culture and in our own hearts. This felt desire that many of us experience is God's action drawing us into a deeper relationship where we give more time to listening and BE-ing with God. We will explore a variety of prayer forms that will help us to grow in our relationship with the divine.

An Advent Gathering Praying Always & All Ways: Taize Prayer

Date:..... Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Time:..... 4:30 – 7 p.m.
Location:..... Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
Niagara Falls
Participant Profile:..... All Staff
Cost: \$25 for dinner

Experience Taize Prayer in the beautiful Mount Carmel chapel followed by a delicious Mount Carmel dinner. A delightful way to embrace this season of joyful anticipation!

Please RSVP directly to Debra McCaffery at the CEC by December 2, please make cheques payable to Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Creative Worship

Date:..... Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Time:..... 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.
Location:..... Saint Francis High School art room
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: Linda Dirks

We show honour and praise when we use our creative gifts. Linda Dirks will lead us in a reflective experience of creative worship. (Warning: there may be paint involved—avoid white clothing!)

Portraits of Jesus in John's Gospel

Date:..... Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Time:..... 4:15—6:15 p.m.
Location:..... Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
Niagara Falls
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: Fr. Stan Makacinas, O. Carm.

In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke we find very similar portrayals of Jesus and his ministry and we are quite familiar with these stories. In the gospel of John, however, we are invited to a different perspective and an opportunity to reflect on the divinity of Jesus. Join us for an exploration of this unique gospel through the eyes of the apostle John.



Forgiveness & Reconciliation: A Process

Date:..... Tuesday, February 4, 2014
Time:..... 4:15—6:15
Location:..... CEC, Fr. Kenneth Burns csc Board Room
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenters: Fr. Jeffrey Finley C.P.P.S, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, C.P.P.S.

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We worship when we pray: Centering Prayer

Date:..... Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Time:..... 4:15—6:15 p.m.
Location:..... Notre Dame College School library
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: Larry Novakowski

In our busy lives we long for some peace and quiet, and yet we have a tough time finding it. We long for an experience of the presence of God in our lives, but our sense of the divine eludes us. The discipline of centering prayer can lead us to this very precious sense of God’s presence within us and continue to nurture our relationship with the Divine.

“Wisdom is so Kind and Wise: Wherever You May Look, You can Learn Something about God”

(St. Catherine of Sienna)

Date:..... Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Time:..... 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Location:..... Heartland Forest, 8215 Kalar Road, NF
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenters: Gary Bowron & Frank Fohr

God is Infinite Mystery yet God is intimate with all of creation. Humans have the capacity for wisdom, to glimpse God through our experiences of life and to choose to live in relationship with this intimate Mystery. This session will explore how we are called to worship in an expanding universe by actively witnessing to holiness through our everyday living, by reaching out to others, and by loving all of creation.

We worship when we pray: The Labyrinth

Date:..... Wednesday, April 2, 2014
Time:..... 4:15– 5:15 p.m.
Location:..... Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
Niagara Falls
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: Penny Pomes

Walking the labyrinth can be an aid to contemplative prayer and reflection, a spiritual exercise, or as a form of pilgrimage. It may look like a maze but there is only one path—no dead ends. Join us for this powerful prayer form.



Ignatian Spirituality—An Introduction

Date:..... Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Time:..... 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Location:..... Our Lady of the Scapular,
Niagara Falls
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: Sr. Mary Mettler, CSJ

St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus wrote the Spiritual Exercises in the mid-16th Century for his own followers and for all Christians. Drawing from his own lived experience and pastoral ministry with both women and men, his insights into prayer, spiritual decision-making and seeking always the greater glory of God, continues to draw many people to this way of living the Gospel and growing into ever deeper intimacy with God.

Wisdom from our Jewish Heritage: A Seder Meal

Date:..... Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Time:..... 5:15 p.m.
Location:..... Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
Niagara Falls
Participant Profile:..... All Staff
Cost: \$25 for dinner

Through prayers, readings and song, the Seder commemorates the Exodus story, the central event in Jewish history. It is a time to retell the story that it might never be forgotten. Our Christian observance of this ritual meal also ties us to our Jewish heritage as we recognize the context in which Jesus instituted the Eucharist

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Lessons from the Mother of a Miracle Child

Date:..... Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Time:..... 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Location:..... CEC, Fr. Kenneth Burns csc Board Room
Participant Profile:..... All Staff

Presenter: *Christine Way Skinner*

Using scripture, story, image and song, we will look at the life of Mary with fresh eyes and consider how she can be a source of strength and inspiration leading us to a deeper relationship with her son.

Administrators, Managers and Senior Staff

Portraits of Jesus in John's Gospel

Date:..... Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Time:..... 8:45—11:15 a.m.
Location:..... Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
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Participant Profile:..... Senior Staff, Managers, Administrators

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We worship when we pray: Centering Prayer

Date:..... Thursday, January 9, 2014
Time:..... 8:45—10:45 a.m.
Location:..... Our Lady of the Scapular,
Niagara Falls
Participant Profile:..... Senior Staff, Managers,
Administrators

Presenter: Larry Novakowski

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Location:..... CEC, Fr. Kenneth Burns csc, Board Room
Participant Profile:..... Senior Staff, Managers, Administrators

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Forgiveness & Reconciliation: A Process

Date:..... Thursday, February 27, 2014
Time:..... 12:30—3:00 p.m.
Location:..... Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre
Participant Profile:..... Senior Staff, Managers,
Administrators

Presenters: Fr. Jeffrey Finley C.P.P.S., Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, C.P.P.S.

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Location: Heartland Forest, 8215 Kalar Road, N.F.
Participant Profile:..... Senior Staff, Managers, Administrators

Presenters: Gary Bowron & Frank Fohr

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Our Speakers

Gary Bowron

Retired Niagara Catholic teachers, works extensively with Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph, and is a member of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development & Peace

Linda Dirks

Art and Special Education teacher for Niagara Catholic.

Fr. Jeff Finley C.P.P.S.

Provincial, Missionaries of the Precious Blood community and pastor of St. Michael Parish, Fort Erie.

Frank Fohr

Retired Niagara Catholic teacher and chair of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development & Peace.

Fr. Patrick Gilmurray C.P.P.S.

Associate pastor of St. Michael Parish, Fort Erie

Janet Loo

Director of Music Ministry at King's University College, UWO

Fr. Stan Makacinas O. Carm.

Executive Director, Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls

Sr. Mary Mettler, CSJ

A Sister of St Joseph, is a spiritual director and a former hospital chaplain. She has an M.Div from TST and is a graduate of the Haden Institute for Spiritual Directors from Mount Carmel.

Dan Moynihan

Youth Ministry Specialist for the Diocese of London, Dan's experience goes well beyond the administrative elements of a Diocesan position. Each year he is called upon to lead retreats, workshops and deliver keynote presentations for 1000's of young people, parents, catholic educators and parish staffs

Larry Novakowski

Spiritual director, trained in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and an experienced retreat master, Master's degree in spirituality from the University of San Francisco and has studied at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

Penny Pomes

Niagara Catholic Elementary Chaplaincy Leader with years of experience in lay ministry and chaplaincy and a deep interest in Christian spirituality.

Christine Way Skinner

Catechist at St. John Chrysostom Parish in Ontario, Canada. She received a Bachelor of Arts degrees from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Michael Way Skinner

Coordinator of Religion, Family Life, And Equity for the York CDSB, Michael has a Masters of Divinity from Harvard University, and completed the PRSE (Program in Religion and Secondary Education) in conjunction with the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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The University Of St. Michael's College

Faculty Of Theology Satellite Programs

St. Michael College Faculty of Theology is offering a satellite program of graduate studies rooted in Catholic Tradition. The following programs are being offered:

Master of Religious Education (MRE)

This professional program is designed to prepare individuals for the ministry of religious education. It welcomes women and men from various aspects of this ministry such as teaching or supervising in schools, parishes, dioceses or international settings.

The MRE assists students:

- To appropriate and integrate the Catholic intellectual heritage and its relevance for educational ministry in current cultural contexts
- To develop and apply the knowledge and skills required for inclusive educational ministry in response to contemporary social issues, from a faith perspective, and
- To foster growth in personal and spiritual maturity, capacity for authentic public witness, and a commitment to life-long learning.

Master of Arts in Catholic Leadership (MACL)

The MACL aims to enable Catholic principals, vice-principals, chaplaincy leaders, department heads, and others aspiring to leadership in Catholic education, health or social service institutions:

- To acquire knowledge of Catholic theological tradition and the ability to think theologically,
- To develop and apply the knowledge and skills required for inclusive institutional leadership, in relation to social and ecclesial communities
- To foster an authentic personal and spiritual foundation for the responsible exercise of leadership

Satellite Location

Corpus Christi Secondary School
5150 Upper Middle Road
Burlington, Ontario

For registration information, please contact via email:
Emil Iruthayathas, Student Services Registrar
usmctheology.registrar@utoronto.ca

or Christian McConnell
christian.mcconnell@utoronto.ca
416-926-7115

St. Augustine's Seminary Of Toronto Institute Of Theology

The Institute of Theology offers the following degree and diploma programs. Students can take 10 courses off the main campus using a combination of online distance education courses or extension site courses in the MRE and MTS degree programs and 5 online or extension site courses in the Diploma programs. Our Lay Spiritual Formation Program conducts retreats and development days throughout the academic year and is open to our students, clergy and all interested laity. If you would like more information on our programs and the Lay Spiritual Formation Program, please send an email to ioftsas@rogers.com.

Master of Religious Education (MRE)

The MRE equips persons for professional leadership in educational ministry within the Catholic ecclesial tradition. The areas of study in this Tradition include biblical, historical, pastoral, systematic and moral theology.

The MRE assists students:

- To build on the understanding of the educational, social and behavioural sciences that ground educational practice.
- To develop the capacity for critical and constructive theological reflection regarding the content and processes of Catholic educational practice.
- To enrich and strengthen the theological understanding and leadership skills necessary to be effective educators in the Catholic faith.



Master Of Theological Studies (MTS)

The MTS Program at St. Augustine's Seminary provides the opportunity for students to deepen their faith as they acquire greater understanding of the key elements of the Catholic theological tradition. The areas of study in this Tradition include biblical, historical, pastoral, systematic and moral theology, with an opportunity for specialization.

The MTS assists students:

To respond effectively to the call of the Second Vatican Council to discover God active in the world and to infuse the world with Gospel values.

To develop the intellectual and pastoral resources necessary for various forms of service and leadership within contemporary ecclesial and diverse cultural contexts.

Diploma In Theological Studies (DTS)

The DTS assists theology students in developing their faith by course content and through interaction in a structured learning situation.

Diploma In Lay Ministry (DLM)

The DLM Program offers to those already serving or hoping to serve as Lay Ministers the chance to enhance their ministry through theological education. This is not a certification program but rather a coordinated combination of introductory courses.





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- Scripture related to theme
- Quotes and other references related to theme
- Instructions for accessing resources available for borrowing from CRC
- Speakers with contact information
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needs and interests unfold!**

Teachers!

Watch for additional workshops to be scheduled throughout the year to support your work related to Religious Education, Family Life, and integrating faith into the classroom!

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Molly Hockton
Saint Paul Catholic High School

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

TOPIC: APPLE CANADA PURCHASE APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of Apple products and the operating lease financed through HP Financial Services, for the following computer equipment, as presented:

| | |
|-------|--|
| 1,040 | iPad mini 16GB with Wi-Fi |
| 52 | iMac 21.5-inch 2.7GHz WQuad-core Intel Core i5 |
| 1 | Mac Pro 2.4GHz 12-Core Intel Xeon |
| 52 | Bretford Roller 20 for Ipad Mini LTN – USA |

Prepared by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education

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

Date: September 10, 2013



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

APPLE CANADA PURCHASE APPROVAL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the May and June 2013 Board Meetings the Board approved the Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions System Priorities and Board Budget for 2013-2014, which included a provision for the acquisition of computer equipment through an operating lease over a period of three years. As noted in Appendix A the computer equipment is as follows:

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| 1 | Mac Pro 2.4GHz 12-Core Intel Xeon |
| 52 | Roller 20 |

For the review of the Trustees, we enclose the following information:

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| APPENDIX A | Apple Canada Inc. Education Price Quote |
| APPENDIX B | HP Financial Services Operating Lease |
| APPENDIX C | Apple Canada Inc. Sole Sources |

Apple Canada Inc. is a sole source for all computer products, software, and accessories compatible with OS X computing systems. Sole sourcing is necessary because no other vendor is authorized to sell OS X compatible computing hardware, nor iPad mini OS compatible touch devices to educational institutions. Therefore, to maximize compatibility a sole-source contract is appropriate and supported through our Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy.

In compliance with the Board's Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy, the pricing quote submitted by Apple Canada Inc. on August 16, 2013 has a total value of greater than \$500,000. With the total value of the purchase at approximately \$667,763, the Board of Trustees is required to formally approve the purchase and three year operating lease, as recommended and approved by the Director of Education.

In accordance with Niagara Catholic's System Priority to "enhance technology for optimal learning and aligned with our direction to implement the second year of our Niagara Catholic Blueprint for technology".

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Apple Canada Inc. Education Price Quote

APPENDIX A

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|-----------|---|-------------------|---|
| Customer: | Mario Ciccarelli NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCH BRD 9057350240 x 230 phone mario.ciccarelli@ncdsb.com email | Apple Canada Inc: | Matt Walkinshaw 7495 Birchmount Road MS: 712-RE Markham, ON L3R 5G2 ph fax walkinshaw@apple.com email |
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|--------------------|-------------|---|
| Apple Quote: | 2200924911 | |
| Quote Date: | 16-Aug-2013 | - |
| Quote Valid Until: | 15-Sep-2013 | |
| Opportunity ID: | 141533830 | |

Quote Comments:

| Part Number | Details & Comments | Qty | Unit List Price | Extended List Price |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | BJ042C/A iPad mini 16GB with Wi-Fi - Black and Slate (10 Pack) with AppleCare+ | 104 | 3,880.00 | 403,520.00 |
| 2 | MD093LL/A iMac 21.5-inch: 2.7GHz Quad-core Intel Core i5 065-0630 2.7GHz Quad-core Intel Core i5, Turbo Boost up to 3.2GHz 065-0635 8GB 1600MHz DDR3 SDRAM - 2x4GB 065-C13P 1TB Serial ATA Drive @ 5400 rpm 065-0651 NVIDIA GeForce GT 640M 512MB GDDR5 065-0661 Magic Mouse 065-0664 Apple Wireless Keyboard (English) / User's Guide (English) | 52 | 1,249.00 | 64,948.00 |
| 3 | S2504Z/A AppleCare Protection Plan for iMac - Auto-enroll | 52 | 139.00 | 7,228.00 |
| 4 | MD771LL/A Mac Pro 2.4GHz 12-Core Intel Xeon 065-C11Y Two 2.40GHz 6-Core Intel Xeon (12 cores) 065-C127 12GB (6X2GB) 065-C12X ATI Radeon HD 5770 1GB 065-C12G 1TB 7200-rpm Serial ATA 3Gb/s 065-C131 One 18x SuperDrive 065-9589 Apple Magic Mouse 065-9593 Apple Keyboard with Numeric Keypad (English) / User's Guide (English) | 1 | 3,549.00 | 3,549.00 |
| 5 | S2505Z/A AppleCare Protection Plan for Mac Pro - Auto-enroll | 1 | 219.00 | 219.00 |
| 6 | HB719LL/A BRETTFORD ROLLER 20 FOR IPAD MINI LTN-USA | 52 | 2,099.95 | 109,197.40 |
| Edu List Price Total | | | | 588,661.40 |
| eWaste Fee / Recycling Fee | | | | 2,279.50 |
| - Estimated Sales Tax | | | | 76,822.32 |
| - | | | | - |
| Extended Total Price* | | | | 667,763.22 |

Completing your order is easy:

*Reference Apple Quote number 2200924911 on your Purchase Order
 *Fax a copy of this quote along with your Purchase Order to 1-800-903-5285:

Apple Canada Inc.
 7495 Birchmount Road
 MS: 712-RE

Exhibit A to Master Agreement

COUNTERPART NO. _____ OF _____. TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS SCHEDULE CONSTITUTES CHATTEL PAPER (AS DEFINED IN THE PPSA), NO SECURITY INTEREST IN THIS SCHEDULE MAY BE CREATED THROUGH THE TRANSFER OR POSSESSION OF ANY COUNTERPART OTHER THAN COUNTERPART NO. 1.



HP Financial Services

Master Agreement Number 3260680606
Schedule Number 326068060600011
IPADS

MASTER LEASE AND FINANCING AGREEMENT SCHEDULE

Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Canada Company ("Lessor") and Niagara Catholic District School Board ("Lessee") are parties to the Master Lease and Financing Agreement identified by the Master Agreement Number specified above (the "Master Agreement"). This Schedule (which shall be identified by the Schedule Number specified above) and the Master Agreement together comprise a separate Lease, a separate Financing or, a separate Lease and a separate Financing, as the case may be, between the parties. The terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference into this Schedule. All capitalized terms used in this Schedule without definition have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Agreement.

1. LEASE.

- A. Description of Items of Leased Equipment Total Cost
- See Attached Appendix "A" \$590,940.90
- B. Initial Term: 36 Months (plus the number of days from and including the Acceptance Date through and including the last day of the calendar month or quarter (depending on whether Rent is payable monthly or quarterly as specified in Section 3 below) in which the Acceptance Date occurs).

2. FINANCING.

- A. Description of Financed Items Total Cost
- N/A
- B. Term: 36 Months (plus the number of days from and including the Acceptance Date through and including the last day of the calendar month or quarter (depending on whether Rent is payable monthly or quarterly as specified on Section 3 below) in which the Acceptance Date occurs).
- C. Financing Rate: _____% per annum, calculated and payable _____ monthly _____ quarterly (check one) in arrears.

3. RENT:

Total Rent: **\$15,553.00 per month plus applicable tax**

RENT is payable: in advance _____ in arrears (check one)
 monthly _____ quarterly (check one)

DAILY RENT:

For Lease: _____ (i.e., the Rent payment specified above expressed on a per diem basis, assuming a 360 day year and 30 day months)
For Financing: _____ (based on the above Financing Rate, and interest only)

For Financings, the Financing Rate generally equals the rate of interest that would cause the present value of the Rent payable over the Term, calculated as of the First Payment Date and assuming monthly or quarterly (as applicable) compounding, to equal the Total Cost of the Financed Items.

Lessee shall pay Lessor (a) on the first day of each calendar month or calendar quarter (depending on whether Rent is payable monthly or quarterly as specified above) if Rent is payable in advance, or (b) on the last day of each calendar month or calendar quarter (depending on whether Rent is payable monthly or quarterly as specified above) if Rent is payable in arrears, the Rent payment specified above for the length of the Initial Term in the case of a Lease and for the length of the Term in the case of a Financing plus any applicable Taxes. The First Payment Date shall be the first day (if Rent is payable in advance) or the last day (if Rent is payable in arrears) of the month or quarter (as applicable) immediately following the month or quarter (as applicable) in which the Acceptance Date occurs.

For Financings, all payments of Rent (other than Daily Rent, which is interest only), whether to be made in advance or in arrears, shall be deemed to be blended payments of Principal and interest (calculated and payable in arrears at the Financing Rate), and shall be applied first to accrued and unpaid interest and next on account of Principal, with interest on overdue amounts calculated and payable on demand in accordance with the Master Agreement.

4. **PRICING EXPIRATION DATE September 30, 2013.** Lessor's obligation to purchase and lease the Equipment or fund and finance the Financed Items is subject to the Acceptance Date being on or before the Pricing Expiration Date.
5. **EQUIPMENT LOCATION:** See Attached Appendix "A"
6. **SELLER:** Apple Canada Inc.
7. **LESSEE'S END-OF-LEASE-TERM OPTIONS.** Lessee may choose to exercise one of the following options upon the natural expiration of the Initial Term, any Renewal Term (as defined below) and any automatic extension of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term; provided, however, that Lessee must give Lessor written notice of Lessee's choice ("End-of-Term Notice") not less than ninety (90) days before the expiration of the relevant term:
(a) **Purchase Option.** Lessee may elect to purchase any or all Units of Equipment then subject to this Lease (other than items of Software that may not be sold by Lessor under the terms of any applicable License Agreement) for an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of such Units of Equipment as of the end of the Term

Applicable Term, provided no Lessee Default shall have occurred and be continuing. In the event of such an election, Lessee shall pay such amount to Lessor, in immediately available funds, on or before the last day of the Then Applicable Term. If Lessee shall have so elected to purchase any of the Units of Equipment, shall have so paid the applicable purchase price and shall have fulfilled the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement, then on the last day of the Then Applicable Term (1) the Lease with respect to such Units of Equipment shall terminate and, except as provided in Section 26(m) of the Master Agreement, Lessee shall be relieved of all of its obligations in favor of Lessor with respect to such Units of Equipment, and (2) subject to applicable law, Lessor shall transfer all of its interest in such Units of Equipment to Lessee "AS IS, WHERE IS," without any representation or warranty, express or implied, from Lessor, other than the absence of any liens or claims by or through Lessor. In the event Lessor and Lessee are unable to agree on the Fair Market Value of any Units of Equipment, Lessor shall, at Lessee's expense, select an independent appraiser to conclusively determine such amount.

(b) **Renewal Option.** Lessee may elect to renew the Lease with respect to any or all Units of Equipment then subject to this Lease (other than items of Software that may not be re-leased by Lessor under the terms of any applicable License Agreement) for an amount equal to the Fair Rental Value of such Units of Equipment as of the end of the Then Applicable Term. In the event of such an election, Lessee shall enter into a mutually agreeable renewal agreement with Lessor ("Renewal Agreement") on or before the last day of the Then Applicable Term confirming the Units of Equipment as to which the Lease is to be renewed, the period for which the Lease is to be renewed (the "Renewal Term"), and the amount of Rent and the times at which such Rent is to be payable during the Renewal Term. In the event Lessor and Lessee are unable to agree on the Fair Rental Value of any Units of Equipment, Lessor shall, at Lessee's expense, select an independent appraiser to conclusively determine such amount.

(c) **Return.** Lessee may elect to return any or all of the Units of Equipment then subject to this Lease in accordance with Section 7 of the Master Agreement.

(d) **Automatic Extension.** If Lessee fails to deliver to Lessor an End-of-Term Notice, the Initial Term or Renewal Term shall, without any additional notice or documentation, be automatically extended for successive calendar months with respect to all items of Equipment then subject to this Lease through the end of the calendar month falling at least 90 days after the date Lessee shall have delivered to Lessor an End-of-Term Notice with respect to such Lease. For each calendar month that the Then Applicable Term of this Lease is so extended, Lessee shall pay to Lessor Rent in an amount equal to the monthly Rent payment in effect immediately prior to such extension (or the appropriate pro rata portion of the Rent payment then in effect in the case of Rent payable other than on a monthly basis), and all other provisions of the Master Agreement and this Schedule shall continue to apply.

If Lessee shall have delivered to Lessor an End-of-Term Notice with respect to this Lease, but shall have subsequently failed to comply with its obligations arising from its elections specified therein, then the Then Applicable Term of this Lease shall, without any additional notice or documentation, be automatically extended for successive calendar months with respect to all items of Equipment as to which Lessee shall have so failed to comply with its obligations through the end of the calendar month in which Lessee shall have complied with such obligations. For each calendar month that the Then Applicable Term of this Lease is so extended, Lessee shall pay to Lessor Rent in an amount equal to the monthly Rent payment in effect immediately prior to such extension (or the appropriate pro rata portion of the Rent payment then in effect in the case of Rent payable other than on a monthly basis), and all other provisions of the Master Agreement and this Schedule shall continue to apply.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 7 to the contrary, if any Lessee Default shall have occurred and be continuing at any time during the last 90 days of the Then Applicable Term of this Lease, Lessor may cancel any Renewal Term or optional or other automatic extension of the Then Applicable Term immediately upon written notice to Lessee.

8. **ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHEDULE.** Lessee acknowledges that the Total Cost of Equipment and Financed Items and the related Rent payments set forth in this Schedule may be estimates, and if the final invoice from the Seller specifies a Total Cost that is more or less than the Total Cost set forth in this Schedule, Lessee hereby authorizes Lessor to adjust the applicable Total Cost and Rent payment on this Schedule to reflect the final invoice amount (the "Final Invoice Amount"). However, if the Final Invoice Amount exceeds the estimated Total Cost by more than 5%, Lessor will notify Lessee and obtain Lessee's prior written approval of the aforementioned adjustments. If Lessee fails to so approve any such adjustments within 15 days of Lessor's request, then this Schedule shall terminate without penalty to either Lessor or Lessee and Lessee shall be solely responsible to the Supplier for all obligations arising under the applicable Purchase Documents, including, without limitation, the obligation to purchase Equipment and pay Financed Items. All references in this Schedule to Total Cost and Rent shall mean the amounts thereof specified herein, as adjusted pursuant to this Section. Lessee also acknowledges that the Equipment and Financed Items described herein may differ from the description of the Equipment and Financed Items set forth in the related Acceptance Certificate executed by Lessee. Lessee hereby authorizes Lessor to conform the description of the Equipment and Financed Items set forth herein to the description thereof in the related Acceptance Certificate executed by Lessee. All references in this Schedule to the Equipment subject to a Lease and the Financed Items subject to a Financing shall mean the Equipment and Financed Items described herein, as conformed to the related Acceptance Certificate pursuant to this Section.

9. **HYPOTHEC:** Where Lessor or any of the Equipment is located in the Province of Québec, for purposes of Section 21 of the Master Agreement the Principal amount of the hypothec created thereby, if applicable, is Cdn\$N/A, with interest thereon at the rate of 25% per annum.

10. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:** _____

LESSOR AGREES TO LEASE TO LESSEE AND LESSEE AGREES TO LEASE FROM LESSOR THE EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1.A ABOVE, IF ANY, AND LESSOR AND LESSEE AGREE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING OF THE FINANCED ITEMS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2.A ABOVE, IF ANY. SUCH LEASE AND/OR FINANCING WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE MASTER AGREEMENT AND THIS SCHEDULE, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE. IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TERMS OF THIS SCHEDULE AND THE MASTER AGREEMENT, THE TERMS OF THIS SCHEDULE SHALL GOVERN.

LESSEE: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

LESSOR: HEWLETT-PACKARD FINANCIAL SERVICES CANADA COMPANY

BY: _____

BY: _____

Name and Title

Name and Title

Date

Date

Robin McNaughton
Niagara Catholic District School Board
July 19, 2013

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Apple Education Purchase Program ("EPP")

Please be advised that Apple Canada Inc. ("Apple") maintains a sole source direct sales model for its Education Customers through the Apple EPP.

In general, Authorized Apple Resellers are prohibited by the terms of their agreement with Apple from selling to Education Customers. Exceptions exist, however and Apple may authorize an Integrated or Proprietary Value Added Reseller ("VAR") to sell Apple Products to Education Customers if Apple Products are part of a specific solution that is required by the Education Customer.

While the use of VARs allows Apple to extend its presence in the education community, this does not affect Apple's status as your sole source for Apple products.

Please be reminded that since Authorized Apple Resellers are not permitted to sell Apple Products to Education Customers, the sale of Apple Products to Education Customers by anyone, other than Apple selling directly or through an authorized Integrated or Proprietary VAR, generally cannot occur unless an Authorized Apple Reseller has breached its contract with Apple.

You can count on Apple to be your continued sole source for all Apple branded products and services that you purchase in the original course of your institution's business. If you have any questions regarding Apple's Education Purchase Program, or if you would like to inquire about a specific reseller's authorization status with Apple, please contact your Apple Account Executive or Apple Canada Channel Operations at channel.info@apple.com.

Sincerely,
APPLE CANADA INC.
Sales Contracts Management

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS TO SUPPORT SCHOOL
MENTAL HEALTH ASSIST**

The report on Mental Health Leaders to Support School Mental Health Assist
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead

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

Date: September 10, 2013



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS TO SUPPORT SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ASSIST

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of the Ministry of Education's commitment to the Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, district school boards have received funding to support the position of Mental Health Leaders through a three year roll out plan. The role of the Mental Health Leader is to provide leadership and coordination within Niagara Catholic and its community in the area of school mental health, with particular focus on:

- the development / refinement, and implementation of the board mental health strategy;
- the delivery of educator mental health literacy resources amongst school staff.

Mental Health Leaders will serve as the liaison with the provincial School Mental Health *ASSIST* team, under the leadership of its director, Dr. Kathy Short, Ph.D., C.Psych. The purpose of School Mental Health *ASSIST* is to help Ontario district school boards create conditions for promoting positive student mental health and well-being and for supporting students who struggle with mental health and addictions problems, through a focus on leadership, educator capacity building, and implementation support.

Mental Health Leaders will provide input into the materials that the School Mental Health *ASSIST* team develops and selects, and will tailor them to the needs of their board. In addition, Mental Health Leaders will monitor and share board implementation progress and learning with the *ASSIST* team, and will facilitate the administration of outcome measures, as part of Ministry reporting requirements.

During the Committee of the Whole meeting, Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead for Niagara Catholic, will provide a brief overview of her role and how it will support Niagara Catholic's 2013-2014 Enabling Strategies that focus on providing supports for student success in the area of Mental Health and Addictions.

The Mental Health Leaders to Support School Mental Health *ASSIST* report
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead

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

Date: September 10, 2013

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

TOPIC: RAISE ME UP 2013

The report on Raise Me Up 2013
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education
Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Student Success

Presented by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education
Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Student Success

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

Date: September 10, 2013



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

RAISE ME UP 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In June of 2012, Niagara Catholic along with The City of Welland started discussions about the possibility of working together to utilize City owned 'infill lots' allowing students to complete full home builds.

For the past several years, the City of Welland had been trying to sell eight municipal 'infill' lots located approximately 250 meters from Notre Dame College School on Dufferin Street. As discussions took place, it became clear this development was not only a construction project, but truly a multi-sector Specialist High Skills Major Program. As details came together, Toscani Developments from Mount Hope, who has worked with the City of Welland and throughout the Niagara Region on several residential projects, came forward eager to work with both the City of Welland and Niagara Catholic. A proposal was put forward to Welland City Council that Toscani Developments purchase the eight building lots from the City with Niagara Catholic retaining an interest in four of the eight lots. These four lots will become our 'living classroom'. A new program was developed for Lakeshore Catholic High School and Notre Dame College School where students can take a full day course focused on construction; two credits issued will be construction and two credits will be cooperative education. This course is delivered on these sites.

In June 2013, Welland City Council formally approved the sale to Toscani Developments with Niagara Catholic as a key partner.

RAISE ME UP 2013 will see our students construct a one thousand, two hundred square foot (1,200) home from start to finish alongside qualified and certified local trades. As students work with local industry leaders, they will also have the opportunity to be registered as apprentices under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. To date, this program has brought together several partners including the City of Welland, Freeman Contracting, DunRite Aluminum, Fonthill Building Supply, Home Depot, Doig Excavating, Silver Creek Cabinets, Welland Plumbing, Feenstra Electric, Welland Equipment, Superior Drywall, Ballagio Painting, Parent Roofing, Nauta Home Designs, Atech Mechanical, Studio Tile and Star Tile. Along with our construction sector partners, we also have Flett Beccarrio Law Office, ReMax, Caisse Populaire Welland, Mathews Cameron Surveyors, the Business Education Council, Apprenticesearch.com, Liuna Training, and Costello Consulting. Caisse Populaire Credit Union will provide our Business SHSM students financial resources needed when planning, building, purchasing and financing this home. They will work together with REMAX to develop sales and costing proposals, processes and legalities in buying, building and selling a home. Together with Nauta Design and Cameron Mathews, students will learn engineering and surveying concepts (i.e. what it takes to develop a parcel of property, the severance process and when can you begin digging a foundation).

All proceeds from the sale of each home will be donated to the Niagara Catholic Foundation for Education which in turn will support local charities helping families in need.

RAISE ME UP 2013 will prove to be an exciting educational experience where students can learn, and give to their community.

A ground breaking ceremony will be held in September, 2013 with the project to commence following the ceremony.

Trustees are invited to view the progress of the RAISE ME UP project throughout the year.

Appendix A – Elevation Drawing of Home

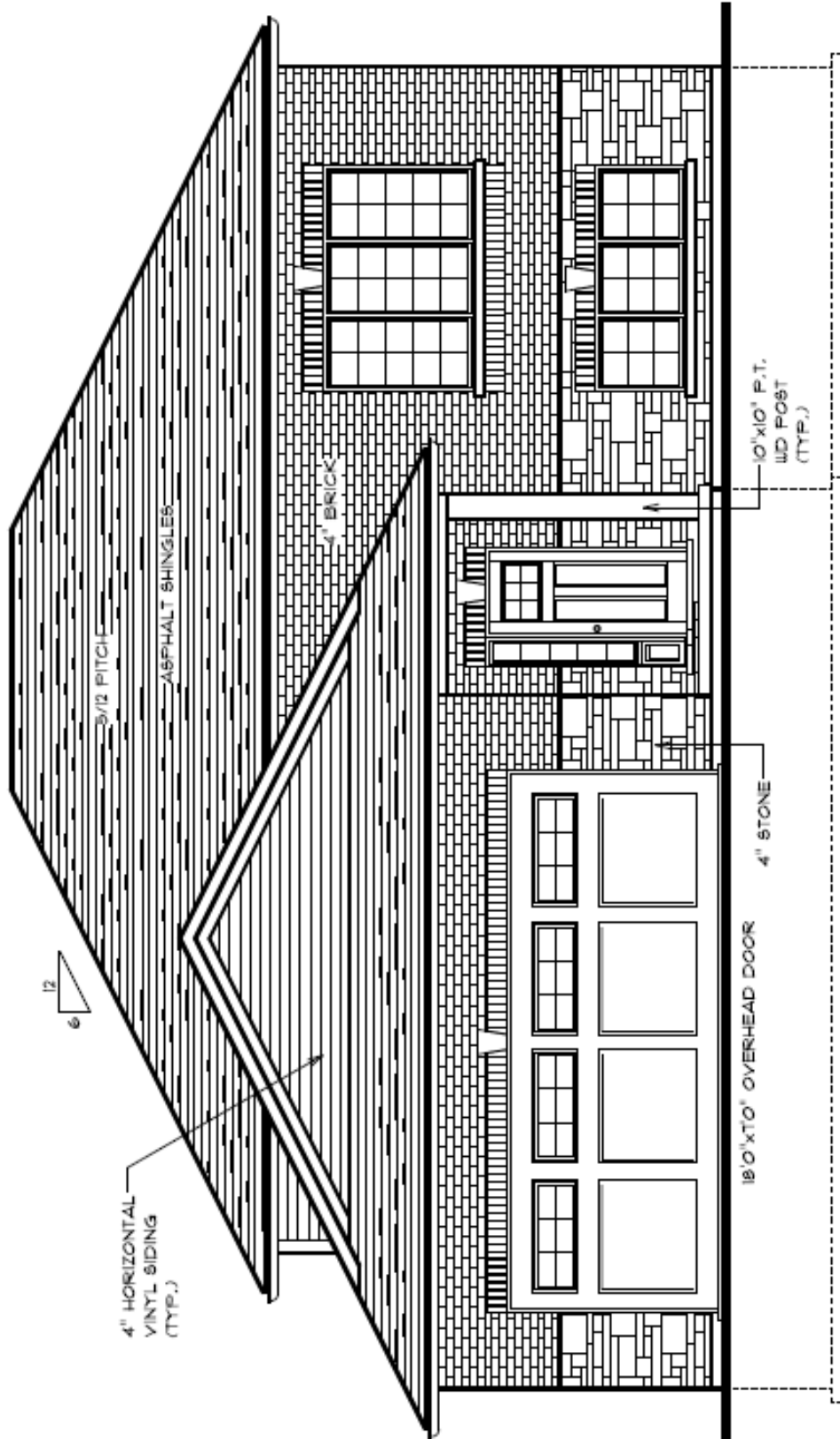
The Raise Me Up 2013 report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education
Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Student Success

Presented by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education
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Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 10, 2013



FRONT ELEVATION A-1 1/4" = 1'0"

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PUBLIC SESSION

TOPIC: PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS 2013-2014

The Report on the Catholic School Councils' and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Parents Reaching Out Grants 2013-2014 is presented for information.

Prepared by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education
Presented by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: September 10, 2013



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS 2013-2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education continues to support parental involvement in Ontario schools by funding Parents Reaching Out Grants (PRO Grants).

For 2013-2014 twenty-seven (27) schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board have received PRO Grants.

The list of approved schools and funding amount has been attached to this report.

In addition, the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee has been approved for \$22,500 to continue the “Through the Years” project.

The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and Catholic School Councils continue to work with parents/guardians in school communities to build strong Catholic identity and to advance student achievement of all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

The Report on the Catholic School Councils’ and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Parents Reaching Out Grants 2013-2014 is presented for information.

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

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

Date: September 10, 2013

Parents Reaching Out Grants for School Councils 2013-14

List of Approved Applications: Niagara CDSB

| School Board | MIDENT | School Name | Title of Project | Recommended Amount |
|---------------------------|--------|---|--|--------------------|
| Niagara CDSB | | | | |
| Niagara CDSB | 686042 | Alexander Kuska KSG Separate School | Science Discovery Night | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 690791 | Blessed Trinity Secondary School | Nutrition Awareness | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 703796 | Denis Morris High School | Parent to Parent Handbook | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 715247 | Holy Cross Secondary School | Communication with Parents | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 718092 | Holy Name School | Family Numeracy Night | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 726087 | Lakeshore Catholic High School | Parent Webpage Awareness | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 728098 | Loretto Catholic Elementary School | Nurturing our SPIRIT, MIND and BODY! | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 730831 | Mary Ward Catholic | Literacy Night | 800 |
| Niagara CDSB | 725587 | Michael J Brennan Separate School | Intro to Family Art | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 782831 | Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School | Bullying Prevention and Awareness Presentation | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 688784 | Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School | Social Media Parent Workshop | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 694304 | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary School | Creative Cooking for Families | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 773662 | Saint Michael High School | Workshop for Parents | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 761710 | Saint Paul High School | Parent Information Evening | 950 |
| Niagara CDSB | 766453 | St Alexander Separate School | Math in Action | 800 |
| Niagara CDSB | 766712 | St Alfred Separate School | Families and Schools Together | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 775550 | St Augustine School | Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 787906 | St Edward School | Financial Literacy | 700 |
| Niagara CDSB | 789330 | St Elizabeth Catholic School | Creating a Community of Health and Wellness | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 790818 | St Francis Secondary School | Cultural Cohesiveness | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 715166 | St John Bosco School | Parent Welcome Kit | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 803766 | St John School | Physical Fitness | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 827819 | St Mary School | Nurturing your Mind, Body, and Soul | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 832880 | St Michael Catholic School | Safe Use of Social Network Sights | 970 |
| Niagara CDSB | 838993 | St Patrick School | Healthy Living | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 846147 | St Philomena Separate School | Technology and the Modern Family | 1000 |
| Niagara CDSB | 744352 | St Therese Separate School | Literacy & Numeracy Coffee Club for Parents | 1000 |
| NIAGARA CDSB TOTAL | | | 27 | \$ 26,220 |

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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENTS**

The report on the International Education Partnership Agreements
is presented for information.

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| Prepared by: | Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education Fred Wilson, Supervisor of International Education |
| Presented by: | Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education Fred Wilson, Supervisor of International Education |
| Approved by: | John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer |
| Date: | September 10, 2013 |



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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In alignment with Niagara Catholic's System Priority 2013-2014 *"to enhance social justice experiences and global citizenship for elementary and secondary students and staff through local, national and international experiences"* and with the endorsement and encouragement of the Director of Education and the Superintendent of Education for Continuing Education, over the last three years our Niagara Catholic International Program staff have actively engaged potential international partners to design agreements for student and staff exchanges, program and service delivery, staff training and professional development opportunities.

In the fall of 2010, the Supervisor of International Education traveled to South Korea to initiate dialogue with Salesio Catholic Elementary School, located in the southern province of Jeonla-Do. Discussions took place on a variety of possible opportunities for South Korean students to enroll in programs offered by the Niagara Catholic District School Board, including short-term integration at our elementary and secondary schools; ESL programs through Continuing Education; full year visa programs; and teacher training program for Korean English teachers.

Following the initial contact and discussions in South Korea, Sister Yonghee Park, Principal of Salesio Catholic School, traveled to Niagara Catholic in late January 2011 to accompany her first three students attending a Niagara Catholic winter program and to meet with Senior Administration at the Catholic Education Centre. As reported to the Board in February 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Director of Education John Crocco and Sister Park for Salesio Catholic Elementary School outlining a common desire to develop programs for students and teachers both within Niagara Catholic and Salesio Catholic in South Korea. Since that date, Niagara Catholic has welcomed 40 students and two teachers from Salesio Catholic for short-term programs as well as one full year visa student, with another group of students and staff attending Niagara Catholic in January 2014.

Similar to the partnership above, and also through direct contact in South Korea, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has also developed strong ties with a provincially funded foundation in Jeollabuk-Do province. The Jeollabuk-Do Human Resources Development Foundation *"envisions the development of students through government scholarships in order to best prepare local youth for leadership roles in that country in decades to come."* Following the Supervisor of International Education's visit to the Foundation in January 2011, senior administrators from South Korea travelled to Niagara Catholic to meet directly with the Director of Education and staff. The meeting provided the foundation for one hundred and twenty nine (129) middle school students from Jeollabuk-Do traveling to Niagara Catholic to participate in short-term integration programs within our Board. As we begin the 2013-2014 school year, forty nine (49) students from Jeollabuk-Do are currently studying in Niagara Catholic schools.

A non-binding cooperation agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Director Crocco and Mr. Young-Deok Lee, Secretary General of the Jeollabuk-Do Foundation, leading towards the pursuit of various education opportunities for Niagara Catholic and Jeollabuk-Do students and staff.

In addition to Southeast Asia, over the last three years Niagara Catholic has developed a meaningful relationship with various South American countries through the Asociación de Colegios Del Norte (A.C.N.), an association of private primary and secondary Catholic schools based in Bogota, Colombia. Through earlier long distance dialogue and subsequent visits by the Principal of Continuing Education and the Supervisor of International Education in 2009 and 2010 for presentations at various schools in Colombia, Niagara Catholic schools have received four hundred and sixty-two (462) Colombian students and over thirty (36) teachers and visiting principals to participate in our short-term integration program. In addition, a number of Columbian high school visa students have also joined Niagara Catholic for a full semester or full year of academic studies in our Catholic secondary schools. Final preparations are currently underway for Niagara Catholic to welcome another eighty-five (85) students from Colombia during the week of September 15, 2013 as well as twenty (20) students from Lima, Peru in October for an enriching education experience within our Niagara Catholic schools.

The presence of international students and staff in our Catholic schools brings immeasurable benefits to our learning communities, including a better understanding between cultures, opportunities for local and global community development and stronger intercultural relationships.

Over the last three years we have continued to nurture opportunities to further enhance our international educational experiences and presence by hosting administrative, business and government delegations from China and South Korea. Recognized for the strength and opportunities provided by Niagara Catholic's exceptional staff, programs and services, within the last few months four educational organizations have agreed to enter into formalized partnership agreements with Niagara Catholic to deliver short-term programs in Niagara; teacher exchanges, teacher training, Ontario Secondary School Diploma credits and professional development in partnered schools in China and South Korea.

To finalize the four partnership agreements with the English Language Center, Guangzhou City, China; Country Garden School in Foshan City, China; Bokja Catholic School, Chun An City, South Korea; Salesio Catholic Elementary School, Gwangju Province, and the Jeollabuk-Do Foundation, South Korea, Chinese and South Korean senior administrators have invited a delegation from Niagara Catholic to their schools to officially sign partnership agreements and to participate in the 2013 Scholarship Student Graduation at the Jeollabuk-Do Foundation Assembly. While in Gwangju Province, the opening ceremony of the new Niagara Catholic – Salesio English Training Centre will take place. A delegation from Niagara Catholic will travel to these locations to sign the partnership agreements and formalize the delivery of programs and services by Niagara Catholic staff.

We will continue to inform the Board on the progress of these partnership agreements and the development of new international education partnership agreements as we create international experiences and opportunities for students and staff and position Niagara Catholic as a recognized international destination for Catholic educational experiences.

The report on International Education Partnership Agreements
is presented for information.

Prepared By: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education
Fred Wilson, Supervisor of International Education

Presented By: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education
Fred Wilson, Supervisor of International Education

Approved By: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: September 10, 2013

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PUBLIC SESSION

TOPIC: CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Capital Project Update
is presented for information

Prepared by: Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services
Presented by: Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: September 10, 2013



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CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Individual progress reports for capital projects are presented as follows:

In Progress

| | | |
|-----------|--|--|
| ELKP | Appendix A Appendix B Appendix C Appendix D Appendix E Appendix F | Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School (NF) St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School St. John Catholic Elementary School (B) St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School (FE) |
| Secondary | Appendix G | Saint Michael Catholic High School (NF) |
| New Build | Appendix H | St. Martin Catholic Elementary School |

The Capital Projects Progress report is presented for information.

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| Prepared by: | Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services |
| Presented by: | Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services |
| Approved by: | John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer |
| Date: | September 10, 2013 |



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APPENDIX A

MARY WARD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project: Design and construction of a library addition, and renovation of the existing library to be a new full day early learning kindergarten classroom.

Current Status: Construction was completed for start of September classes.

Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 2000 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | 1500 | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 37,034 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 4 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 38 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 400 | students |



Project Funding:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| FDK Grant | 434,584 |
| Facilities Renewal | 470,230 |
| | \$904,814 |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Construction Contract | 562,500 | 613,788 | 743,492 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 59,000 | 58,113 | 57,005 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 25,000 | 2,030 | 25,000 |
| Other Project Costs | 54,000 | 32,495 | 83,096 |
| | \$700,500 | \$706,426 | \$908,593 |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | March 2, 2011 | March 2, 2011 |
| Architect Selection | August 2011 | August 12, 2011 |
| Design Development | September 2011 | September 30, 2011 |
| Contract Documents | February 2012 | February 17, 2012 |
| Tender & Approvals | January 29, 2013 | February 28, 2013 |
| Construction | August 2013 | August 2013 |
| Occupancy | September 2013 | September 3, 2013 |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Architect | Svedas Koyanagi Architects Inc. |
| General Contractor | Charter Building Company |
| Project Manager | Tunde Labbancz |
| Superintendent | Mark Lefebvre |
| Principal | Domenic Massi |



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APPENDIX B

ST. ALEXANDER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project:

Design and construction of a new full day early learning kindergarten classroom.

Current Status: Construction was completed for start of September classes.



Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 1,339 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | 0 | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 1,339 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 4.98 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 26 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 411 | students |

Project Funding:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| FDK Grant | 479,925 |
| Facilities Renewal | 93,708 |
| | <u>\$573,633</u> |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Construction Contract | 312,065 | 286,947 | 417,527 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 31,200 | 77,928 | 87,721 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 4,000 | 6,252 | 8,500 |
| Other Project Costs | 45,000 | 16,821 | 60,385 |
| | <u>392,265</u> | <u>387,948</u> | <u>574,133</u> |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | December 12, 2011 | December 12, 2011 |
| Architect Selection | April 12, 2012 | April 12, 2012 |
| Design Development | November 07, 2012 | November 2012 |
| Contract Documents | December 13, 2012 | December 2012 |
| Tender & Approvals | January 31, 2013 | February 2013 |
| Construction | August 2013 | August 2013 |
| Occupancy | September 2013 | September 3, 2013 |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Architect | Venerino V. P. Panici Architect Inc |
| General Contractor | T. R. Hinan |
| Project Manager | Tunde Labbancz |
| Superintendent | Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells |
| Principal | Irene Ricci |



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APPENDIX C

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project:

Expansion of 3 existing classrooms for 3 new full day early leaning kindergarten classroom.

Current Status: Construction was completed for start of September classes.



Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 0 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | 3,835 | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 3,835 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 4.6 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 6 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 394 | students |

Project Funding:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| FDK Grant | 239,962 |
| Facilities Renewal | 360,995 |
| | \$600,957 |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Construction Contract | 285,000 | 301,717 | 478,747 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 28,500 | 29,337 | 47,875 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 12,000 | 11,225 | 12,000 |
| Other Project Costs | 22,500 | 13,227 | 62,335 |
| | \$348,000 | \$355,506 | \$600,957 |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | December 12, 2011 | December 12, 2011 |
| Architect Selection | April 12, 2012 | April 12, 2012 |
| Design Development | November 97, 2012 | November 2012 |
| Contract Documents | December 11, 2012 | December 2012 |
| Tender & Approvals | January 24, 2013 | February 2013 |
| Construction | August 2013 | August 2013 |
| Occupancy | September 2013 | September 3, 2013 |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

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|--------------------|--|
| Architect | Chapman Murray Associate Architects Inc. |
| General Contractor | Brouwer Construction |
| Project Manager | Tunde Labbanicz |
| Superintendent | Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells |
| Principal | Carla Bianco |



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APPENDIX D

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project:

Construction of two new purpose built kindergarten rooms for the full day early learning program.

Current Status: Site services and parking lot asphalt complete. Walls and roof of new ELKP rooms are complete. Occupancy scheduled for October 2013.



Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 3,800 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | 0 | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 3,800 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 9.27 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 52 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 311 | students |

Project Funding:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| FDK Grant | 959,850 |
| Prev. Unspent | |
| FDK Grant | 165,000 |
| Facilities Renewal | 267,843 |
| | <u>1,392,693</u> |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Construction Contract | 881,100 | 480,265 | 1,118,138 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 88,100 | 105,533 | 117,688 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 10,000 | 3,657 | 10,000 |
| Other Project Costs | 23,000 | 37,058 | 146,867 |
| | <u>\$1,002,200</u> | <u>\$626,513</u> | <u>\$1,392,693</u> |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | December 12, 2011 | December 12, 2011 |
| Architect Selection | April 12, 2012 | April 12, 2012 |
| Design Development | November 07, 2012 | November 2012 |
| Contract Documents | December 14, 2012 | December 2012 |
| Tender & Approvals | February 04, 2013 | February 2013 |
| Construction | August 2013 | |
| Occupancy | September 2013 | |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Architect | Grguric Architects Incorporated |
| General Contractor | Manorcore Group Inc. |
| Project Manager | Tunde Labbanz |
| Superintendent | Yolanda Baldasaro |
| Principal | Emma Fera Massi |



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APPENDIX E

ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project: Design and construction of 2 classroom addition and expansion of an existing classroom to be a new full day early learning kindergarten classroom.



Current Status: Construction was completed for start of September classes.

Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 3,685 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | 2,580 | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 6,265 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 4.2 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 32 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 417 | students |

Project Funding:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| FDK Grant | 719,888 |
| Facilities Renewal | 423,769 |
| | \$1,143,657 |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Construction Contract | 770,000 | 424,765 | 921,381 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 77,000 | 58,857 | 92,138 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Other Project Costs | 41,500 | 40,026 | 109,928 |
| | \$908,500 | \$523,648 | \$1,143,447 |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | December 12, 2011 | December 12, 2011 |
| Architect Selection | April 12, 2011 | April 12, 2011 |
| Design Development | November 07, 2012 | November 2012 |
| Contract Documents | December 11, 2012 | December 2012 |
| Tender & Approvals | January 24, 2013 | February 2013 |
| Construction | August 2013 | August 2013 |
| Occupancy | September 2013 | September 3, 2013 |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Architect | Chapman Murray Associate Architects Inc. |
| General Contractor | Brouwer Construction |
| Project Manager | Tunde Labbanicz |
| Superintendent | Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells |
| Principal | Acting Principal, Branka Jones |



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APPENDIX F

ST. PHILOMENA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project: Renovation of an existing classroom to be a new full day early learning kindergarten classroom.

Current Status: Construction was completed for start of September classes.



Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 0 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | 3,850 | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 3,850 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 10.55 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 6 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 233 | students |

Project Funding:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| FDK Grant | 239,962 |
| Facilities Renewal | 102,284 |
| | \$342,246 |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Construction Contract | 199,400 | 176,998 | 229,553 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 27,000 | 32,269 | 31,656 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 28,000 | 35,482 | 32,000 |
| Other Project Costs | 35,500 | 44,512 | 65,000 |
| | \$289,900 | \$289,261 | \$358,209 |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | December 12, 2011 | December 12, 2011 |
| Architect Selection | April 12, 2012 | April 12, 2012 |
| Design Development | November 7, 2012 | November 2012 |
| Contract Documents | December 10, 2012 | December 2012 |
| Tender & Approvals | January 22, 2013 | February 2013 |
| Construction | August 2013 | August 2013 |
| Occupancy | September 2013 | September 3, 2013 |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Architect | Quartek Group Inc. |
| General Contractor | Aldor Builders |
| Project Manager | Tunde Labbancz |
| Superintendent | Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells |
| Principal | Robert Grand |



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APPENDIX G

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Scope of Project:

Design and construction of a ten classroom addition.

Current Status: New asphalt parking area/bus loading zone in front of school was completed for start of September classes. Footing/foundation walls for new addition are well underway.

Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 16,380 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 119,868 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 15.8 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 210 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 1,017 | students |



Project Funding:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Priorities | 5,527,880 |
| Facilities Renewal | 400,000 |
| | \$5,927,880 |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Construction Contract | 4,760,323 | 236,051 | 4,760,323 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 544,037 | 338,890 | 544,037 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 204,820 | 0 | 204,820 |
| Other Project Costs | 418,700 | 48,485 | 418,700 |
| | \$5,927,880 | \$623,426 | \$5,927,880 |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | July 7, 2011 | July 7, 2011 |
| Ministry Approval (space) | December 2011 | March 9, 2012 |
| Architect Selection | January 30, 2012 | March 22, 2012 |
| Design Development | March 2012 | October 2012 |
| Contract Documents | May 2013 | |
| Tender | June 2013 | |
| Ministry Approval (cost) | June 2013 | |
| Construction | September 2014 | |
| Occupancy | September 2014 | |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Architect | Raimondo + Associates Architect Inc. |
| General Contractor | Brouwer Construction |
| Project Manager | Anthony Ferrara |
| Superintendent | Mark Lefebvre |
| Principal | James Whittard |



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APPENDIX H

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Scope of Project:

Design and construction of a replacement school and child care centre on a new site.

Current Status:

Ministry of Education approved funding for purchase of property. Township of West Lincoln has approved rezoning request (February 19, 2013) from commercial to institutional. Property has been purchased. Estimated construction completion date is March 2015. Proceeding with design and development.



Project Information:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| New Area to be Constructed | 47,443 | sq. ft. |
| Existing Area to be Renovated | | sq. ft. |
| Total New Facility Area | 47,443 | sq. ft. |
| Total Site Area | 5 | acres |
| Pupil Places Added | 115 | students |
| New Facility Capacity | 454 | students |

Project Funding:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Priorities | 9,430,364 |
| | <u>\$9,430,364</u> |

Project Costs:

| | Budget | Paid | Forecast |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Construction Contract | 7,479,925 | 0 | 7,479,925 |
| Fees & Disbursements | 900,000 | 150,391 | 900,000 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 100,000 | 0 | 100,000 |
| Other Project Costs | 950,439 | 102,642 | 950,439 |
| | <u>\$9,430,364</u> | <u>\$253,033</u> | <u>\$9,430,364</u> |

Project Timelines:

| | <u>Scheduled Completion</u> | <u>Actual Completion</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding Approval | July 7, 2011 | July 7, 2011 |
| Ministry Approval (space) | December, 2011 | February 14, 2012 |
| Architect Selection | January 30, 2012 | March 22, 2012 |
| Design Development | March, 2012 | |
| Contract Documents | May, 2012 | |
| Tender & Approvals | July, 2012 | |
| Ministry Approval (cost) | July, 2012 | |
| Construction | August, 2013 | |
| Occupancy | March 2015 | |
| Official Opening & Blessing | | |

Project Team:

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Architect | MMMC Inc. Architects |
| General Contractor | TBD |
| Project Manager | Anthony Ferrara |
| Superintendent | Yolanda Baldasaro |
| Principal | Chris Zanuttini |

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC – JUNE 18, 2013**



Spotlight

on NIAGARA CATHOLIC

Nurturing Souls & Building Minds

www.niagaracatholic.ca

June 18, 2013

Niagara Catholic Celebrates Fourth Straight Year of EcoSchool Certification

For the fourth, consecutive year, every school in Niagara Catholic has been certified as an EcoSchool through the Ontario EcoSchools Program.

This is Niagara Catholic's sixth full year for participation in the Ontario EcoSchool program, which was designed to engage elementary and secondary school students in activities that will raise their environmental awareness and stewardship, the only school board in Ontario to achieve such recognition.

Thirty-nine Niagara Catholic schools obtained gold certification, 18 received silver certification and two schools were recognized with a bronze seal.

Niagara Catholic Board Chair Kathy Burtnik offered her congratulations to staff and students for the outstanding accomplishment.

"It is obvious to anyone who walks into our schools that environmental stewardship is a primary concern for all who work and learn there," said Mrs. Burtnik.

"It is wonderful to see the many ways in which our students and staff bring this mission of conservation to life every day. Congratulations to everyone who worked so diligently this year for this magnificent result."

Director of Education John Crocco said the Green Niagara Catholic program, which promotes conservation and environmental stewardship, and Niagara Catholic's Environmental Stewardship Policy adopted in May 2011, has guided the Board to this level of achievement.

"I am very proud of the many ways in which our students and staff have come together to promote our shared responsibility to the Earth," said Mr. Crocco. *"Through our many creative initiatives, Niagara Catholic students and staff have honoured our commitment to preserve the beauty and resources God has provided for us to enjoy. I congratulate everyone for doing their part and achieving 100 per cent certification of all schools in Niagara Catholic."*

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATIONS NOTICE

EcoSchools Final Standing - 2013

*Congratulations to our schools
39 Gold - 18 Silver - 2 Bronze*

| | | | |
|---------------|---|--|---|
| Gold | Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Assumption Blessed Trinity Cardinal Newman Father Hennigan Holy Cross Holy Name Lakeshore Catholic Loretto Mary Ward Michael J. Brennan Monseigneur Clancy Mother Teresa | Noire Dame College Noire Dame Elementary Our Lady of Fatima Our Lady of Victory Sacred Heart Saint Paul St. Alexander St. Andrew St. Ann (F) St. Anthony St. Augustine St. Christopher St. Denis | St. George St. James Saint Francis St. John (B) St. Joseph (G) St. Joseph (Shyler) St. Mark St. Mary (W) St. Michael (NF) St. Patrick (NF) St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul |
| Silver | Canadian Martyrs Our Lady of Fatima (G) Our Lady of Mount Carmel St. Alfred St. Ann (SC) St. Charles St. Edward | St. Elizabeth St. Gabriel Lalemant St. John Bosco St. Martin St. Mary (NF) St. Michael (MOTL) | St. Nicholas St. Patrick (PC) St. Prochenna St. Theresa St. Thomas More |
| Bronze | Dennis Manns | St. Peter | |

2013-2014 Budget Approved

Trustees have approved the 2013-2014 Annual Budget.

The Annual Budget, which includes \$252,754,420 in Operating Expenses, was balanced without the need for transfers from reserves.

The 2013-2014 Niagara Catholic Annual Budget is available for review online at niagaracatholic.ca.

Trustees Approve Seven Policies

Trustees approved seven policies during the final Board meeting of the 2012-13 academic year.

Community Use of Facilities Policy (8002.); Catholic School Councils Policy (800.1) and By-Laws; Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7) and By-Laws; Death Benefit Policy (201.5); Deferred Salary Plan (X/Y) and Leadership Pathway Policy (new) were approved.

Ministry Approves 2013-14 Calendar

The Ministry of Education has approved Niagara Catholic's 2013-2014 school year calendar.

The 2013-2014 school year calendar is available online at niagaracatholic.ca and will be sent home with students in September.



The Catholic Education Centre will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. throughout the summer.

The CEC will be closed Fridays through August 16 and from July 19th through August 5th.

Niagara Catholic Students Raise More Than \$44,000 For Niagara Children's Centre During Kids Helping Kids Week



Each year for the past 15 years, elementary students throughout Niagara Catholic have come together to raise money to support the Niagara Children's Centre during the annual Kids Helping Kids campaign, which takes place during Valentine's Week in February. This year, students raised an impressive \$44,410.55 through a variety of activities and fundraisers, including special days, raffles and sales.

Niagara Catholic Director of Education John Crocco (right) and Vice Chair Maurice Charbonneau (second from left) presented a cheque to Jim Marino (left), Executive Director of the Niagara Children's Centre Foundation, during the June 18th Board Meeting. Assisting with the presentation was Ryan Boros, a Grade 9 student at Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Niagara Catholic Trustees Honour OFSAA Medallists During Final Board Meeting for 2012-2013 School Year



Left: Three students from Saint Michael Catholic High School recently competed at the OFSAA Track and Field Meet in Oshawa. Makiah Hunt (front left) earned a Gold in the Midget Girl's High Jump and set a new OFSAA record. She also won Gold in Midget Girl's Pole Vault. Julianne Miszk (centre front) won Gold in the-800m Girls Intellectual Ambulatory race. Her teammate, Amen Ehi, won silver in the race. Joining the girls for the photo were Saint Michael Principal Jim Whittard (left), their coach, Ryan Dudley (second from left), Vice Chair Maurice Charbonneau (back), Trustee Frank Fera (centre back), Trustee Ed Nieuwesteege and Director of Education John Crocco.

Right: Lakeshore Catholic High School student athlete Adam McLeod, who won Gold in the 100m and 800m races for the visually impaired at OFSAA, was recognized for his accomplishments by Trustees during the June 18th Board Meeting. Joining Adam in the photo are his coaches Jim Jones and Theresa Ross, Niagara Catholic Vice Chair Maurice Charbonneau (centre), Trustee Dino Sicoli and Director of Education John Crocco.

Congratulations to all of our very talented students and exemplary staff who represented Niagara Catholic so well in so many different ways throughout this school year.



School Excellence Program

FOCUS on

Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School

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The **School Excellence Program** is part of a series of new strategies within Niagara Catholic to increase the profile of our schools and celebrate the success of our students and staff.

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Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School opened in the north end of St. Catharines in September, 1976. It is unique in that it was the only Catholic elementary school in Niagara at that time to share a schoolyard and indoor facilities with a school in the public school board.

The playground, library, gym and stage are shared by students in both schools, and students often come together for special events, such as concerts and plays. Approximately 130 students in JK through Grade 6 attend school at Michael J. Brennan.

The 2013-14 school year will be the final one for Michael J. Brennan. In September 2014, students will begin class at St. James Catholic Elementary School. There is a close connection between the two schools, as Grade 6 students from Michael J. Brennan graduate up to St. James for their intermediate years before moving on to Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School.

During the June 18th Board Meeting, Principal Carmela D'Andrea was joined by members of the school community to share the many ways Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School has positively affected its community for the past 37 years, and how it will continue to in its final year.

Staff and students at Michael J. Brennan enjoy an atmosphere infused with hope. Staff strive to provide a sense of "a positive expectation for the future" for students and their families.

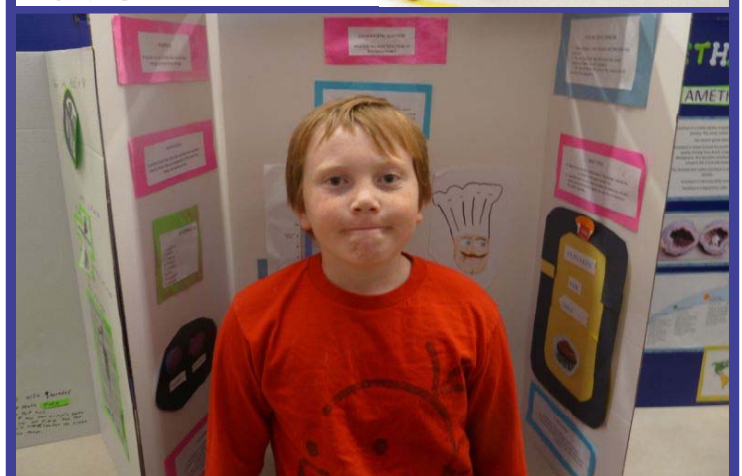
A great deal of emphasis is placed on this quote from the Book of Hebrews: *Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1).* Students show their faith in a variety of ways, from participating in Remembrance Day and Holy Week services, to assisting those in need through participation in Backpacks of Hope, the Holy Childhood Walk and the Terry Fox Walk.

They have also made the connection between our faith and our commitment to preserving the Earth. Michael J. Brennan has achieved Gold EcoSchools status for four years in a row, and students and staff continue to strive to ensure they are good stewards of the earth at home as well as at school.



Left: The Speak Out competition is one of many events for students to take part in during their years at Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School. Students have many activities to enjoy so they can more fully explore their gifts and talents.

Right: The Bobcats exemplify good sportsmanship on and off the playing field.



Above: The Science Fair is one of many activities which enhance classroom learning at Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School.

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Top: Faith permeates all aspects of life at Michael J. Brennan
Below: Parents play a key role in life at at the school.



Staff at Michael J. Brennan strive to help students reach their fullest potential. Students consistently perform at or above the Provincial median on standardized provincial testing and staff work as a team to ensure that students continue to meet their academic goals.

They also focus on ensuring there is lots of laughter in the school, as students learn best when their hearts are filled with joy.

Parents play an important role in life at Michael J. Brennan.

Each Fall, the Catholic School Council hosts a silent auction which raises money for various projects. Families decorate the foyer of the school each Christmas and parents host many special evenings throughout the year, such as this year's presentations by author Sigmund Brower and nutrition expert Sandi Richards.

Carter Hendriks, a Grade 6 student at Michael J. Brennan preparing to move on to Grade 7 at St. James Catholic Elementary School, spoke about what he has enjoyed most about his years at MJB, which began when he entered Junior Kindergarten.

Carter said he enjoyed being able to pop into his sister's class to help out and the way in which students work together.

"Our class ran a Canadian Tire Challenge to see who could collect the most Canadian Tire money," Carter told those in attendance at the meeting. "It was a lot of fun but a lot of work, too. We made posters, read announcements and drew graphs to show how much money the school collected. We collected over \$94 in Canadian Tire money. That's a big wad of cash, so I guess everyone was a winner. We used the money to purchase compost bins so that our school could do its part to produce less waste."

Carter also said there are many sports, arts and other and activities for students to enjoy during their years at Michael J. Brennan, such as the EcoTeam, Reading Club, Game On! and Go Girls!

Carter finished his presentation by inviting Trustees and Senior Staff to visit the school for themselves to find out what a fantastic place it is.

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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2013**



NIAGARA
CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD

Nurturing
SOULS
&
Building

September 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 1 | 2 | 3 First Day of School | 4 SEAC | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Int'l Literacy Day | 9 | 19 CW Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Foundation Golf Tournament | 19 Director's Meeting/FOS Meeting | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Policy Committee Board Meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Grape & Wine Parade |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
DIRECTOR'S LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS –
SEPTEMBER 2013**



Office of the Director of Education

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians;

Happy New Year 2013-2014 - welcome to a new school year. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, administrators and staff across Niagara Catholic, welcome back to all returning students and families. We extend a very special welcome to the nineteen hundred new students and their families joining our Niagara Catholic family for the first time. We look forward to the 2013-2014 school year with anticipation, excitement, hope and the promise of endless opportunities for faith formation, student achievement, co-instructional experiences and experiential learning.

Improved Facilities

This past summer, our Facilities Services department was busy completing or commencing approximately \$34 million dollars on a variety of new construction, energy efficiency, full day kindergarten classrooms and major renovation projects throughout the system. Principals will be sharing information on school specific projects in upcoming newsletters along with plans for the blessing of additional classrooms.

New Administrative Appointments

A number of current Principals and Vice-Principals will join new school communities this school year.

Congratulations and welcome to new Principals:

Carlo Arghittu (St. Vincent de Paul Catholic)
Deborah Guthrie (St. John Catholic)
Branka Jones (Our Lady of Fatima Catholic)

We welcome new Vice-Principals beginning their vocations as administrators:

Jennifer DeCoff (St. Alexander Catholic)
Lisa Incaviglia (Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Grimsby)
Jacqueline Watson (St. Anthony Catholic)

Retirement of Superintendent

In late August, Superintendent of Education Mario Ciccarelli announced his retirement from Niagara Catholic following 31 years serving students and families. Superintendent Ciccarelli will be with us through the transition period of the appointment of a new Superintendent of Education. We extend every blessing and best wishes to him on his retirement and his new journey.

Join us

As vital partners in Catholic education, we invite you to join our large list of participants on e-Community, Facebook and Twitter so we can continuously update you on news, events and activities throughout our system. Please assist us in reminding family and friends, who are Catholic ratepayers, to check their property assessment especially if they have moved over the summer, to ensure that it continues to be designated as English-Separate. Information and forms on this process are available on our Board website, at all parishes across the Diocese and in all Catholic schools.

On behalf of Kathy Burtnik, Chair of the Board, Maurice Charbonneau, Vice-Chair of the Board, our Board of Trustees, Senior Administration, Principals, Vice-Principals and staff, we extend every blessing for a most enriching, faith-filled and rewarding 2013-2014 school year as we continue to nurture the souls and build the minds of our most treasured gift; our students.

John Crocco, Director of Education



Programs & Services

A number of new and enriching programs and services will be launched across Niagara Catholic in the 2013-2014 school year to enhance our journey in meeting the expectations within the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

Highlights of some of the major initiatives

- The second year of our Growing in Wisdom to Worship and Witness Faith Formation Program;
- Niagara Catholic International Cooperative Education program in Dominica from September to December;
- French Immersion and Mandarin Chinese;
- a second Mobile Computer Lab and a new Primary iPad Mobile Lab for all elementary schools;
- Mental Health and Addictions Nurses;
- e-Texts - Grade 3-8;
- Elementary Family of Schools Student Councils;
- Elementary Student Senate;
- Elementary Standardized Dress Code.

We invite you to read the Board approved System Priorities 2013-2014 posted in all schools and on our website for a complete list of our focus for this school year.

Our exemplary administrators and staff of Niagara Catholic will continue to provide exceptional faith-based Catholic education to all 25,000 students across our 65 Catholic elementary, secondary and continuing education learning centers as we focus on the success of all students within our system; mind, body and spirit.

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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
DIRECTOR'S LETTER TO STAFF – SEPTEMBER 2013**



Office of the Director of Education John Crocco

To All Staff
September 2013

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Dear colleagues in Catholic education:

Welcome back and Happy New Year as we begin a new and exciting 2013-2014 school year. I trust that each of you enjoyed the change of pace that the summer months provided with family and friends. We begin a new school year full of enthusiasm, hope, promise and the endless opportunities to evangelize our faith, strengthen our schools and system, advance student achievement and experiential learning opportunities for all our students inspired by each of you, our professional, highly trained, dedicated and talented staff in the privileged vocation of Catholic education.

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Scott Root - St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Welland - Acting
Joe Tornabuono - St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School - Acting

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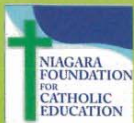
Nominations for
the Director's
Inspiration Award
due
September 12, 2013

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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION GOLF
TOURNAMENT – SEPTEMBER 18**

12th ANNUAL



LEGENDS ON THE NIAGARA
9233 NIAGARA PARKWAY, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

is in its 12th year. The proceeds of the tournament are managed through the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Funds raised provide financial assistance, through scholarships to Niagara Catholic District School Board secondary school students who may not be able to pursue post secondary education without this financial support. Over 375 students have received financial support since the inception of this annual tournament.

We thank you for your outstanding generosity and support in helping these students realize their dreams of pursuing a post secondary education through university, college or skills training. In these difficult financial times we have maintained last year's fees and thank you for your continued participation and support.

The format for golf will be as in the past; each group may choose to play as a scramble or to play their own ball.

ENTRY FEE: \$250.00 per player

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education
c/o Sue Baxter, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sue Baxter at 905.735.0240 ext 321 or sue.baxter@nfce.org

The success of our Annual Golf Tournament depends largely on your generosity and assistance. Please consider contributing even further through our Sponsorship/Donation Form (see reverse) Thank you!!

Please join us for a worthwhile day of fun and friendship on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2013

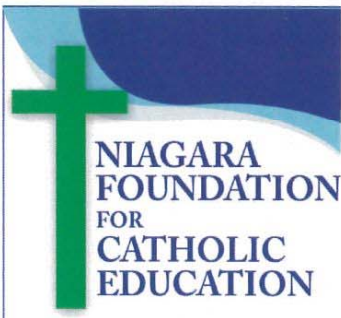


AGENDA

Registration and
Driving Range
10:30 am to 12:30 pm
—
Lunch Buffet
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
—
Ussher's Creek Course
Shotgun Start
1:00 pm
—
Reception/Dinner
5:30 pm

PLAYERS ENTRY FORM

| Names of Players | (Optional Email - please print clearly) | |
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| Player #1 | Player #1 email | |
| Player #2 | Player #2 email | |
| Player #3 | Player #3 email | |
| Player #4 | Player #4 email | |
| Contact Information | <p><i>Please complete and return with your cheque by:</i></p> <h1>AUGUST 6TH, 2013</h1> <p><i>(\$250 per person) payable to:</i> NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION</p> <p><i>Please consider sponsoring (see form on back)</i> Sincere thanks for your support!</p> | |
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| City | | PC |
| Phone Number | | |



Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education
“Invest in the Future of Catholic Education”

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION:

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education was established to provide financial support to those students who would otherwise not be able to pursue their educational goals and to support Catholic education programs in the Niagara Region.

The Foundation initiates fundraising activities in collaboration with students, staff, parents and business enterprises. It is an excellent way for the community to become more actively involved in Catholic education.

The success of our annual Charity Golf Classic depends largely on the generosity and assistance provided by individuals and businesses like yours. In order to build on this success, we are asking for your support in the categories listed below.

SPONSORSHIP / DONATION: *please indicate your level of support*

Sponsor a hole (\$450)

Sponsor a student (\$250)

Donate a prize for Silent Auction (\$200 +)

Cash: please indicate amount \$ _____

Contribution Towards: Lunch \$ _____

Dinner \$ _____

Wine \$ _____

Reception \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Learn more about the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education at www.niagaracatholic.ca

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
OCSTA CENTRAL REGION MEETING, OSHAWA
OCTOBER 1, 2013**



Ontario Catholic School
Trustees' Association

2013 FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

DRAFT AGENDA

- 9:45-10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION (*Coffee & Muffins*)
- 10:00 WELCOME—*OCSTA President & Chair of Host Board*
GATHERING PRAYER—*Noel Martin, Director of Catholic Education, OCSTA*
- 10:10 FAITH DEVELOPMENT—*I AM AMONG YOU AS ONE WHO SERVES [LUKE: 22:27]*—*Noel Martin*
- Pope Francis said at his Inauguration Mass that authentic power is service. Christ-like authority has its focus not on position and status but on those others who will benefit from the gifts of those who are called to service.
- 11:00 PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND Q & A —*Marino Gazzola*
- An overview of the current issues in education being addressed by OCSTA.
- 11:45 LUNCH, INFORMAL DISCUSSION & NETWORKING**
- 12:30 P.M. BOARD PRESENTATIONS
- What is the most important issue facing your board today?
- 2:00 BREAK**
- 2:15 GROUP DISCUSSION [TOPICS WILL BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE] —*Kevin Kobus*
- a. Open Access
 - b. Other Topics Submitted by Boards
- 3:30 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT—*Kathy Burtnik*

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CCSTA NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON CATHOLIC
EDUCATION – OTTAWA – OCTOBER 3, 2013**



Canadian Catholic School
Trustees' Association
Association canadienne des
commissaires d'écoles catholiques



Registrations accepted until September 14th Inscriptions jusqu'au 14 septembre

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Join the Conversation!

If you have not yet registered for the Catholic Education: A National Conversation conference, October 3-5, 2013, Ottawa, registrations will be accepted up to, and including, September 14, 2013.



Full program, hotel and conference registration details can be found by [clicking here](#).

We hope to see you there!

Participez aux échanges!

Pour ceux qui ne seraient pas encore inscrits au congrès L'Éducation catholique : un échange national, du 3 au 5 octobre 2013 à Ottawa, nous accepterons les inscriptions jusqu'au 14 septembre 2013.



Pour plus de détails sur le programme, l'hôtel et l'inscription [cliquez ici](#).

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer bientôt!

Catholic Education: A National Conversation

'Witnessing to the Hope Within Us'



The Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association Invites you to join us in a National Conversation on Catholic Education

When: October 3, 4 & 5, 2013
Where: Marriott Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3

This conference will explore the relationship between Catholic Education and the New Evangelization. Come and share in the conversation about

- why this relationship is important
- where this evangelization takes place
- how we all share in this mission

All members of the Catholic community, including parents, trustees, clergy, parish and diocesan organizations, chaplaincy leaders, teachers, catechists, administrators, and youth are invited to join this national conversation.

Ce congrès se propose d'étudier les liens unissant l'éducation catholique et la nouvelle évangélisation. Venez faire partie des échanges :

- Pourquoi ces liens sont-ils importants?
- Où cette évangélisation va-t-elle se produire?
- Comment participer à cette mission?


Parents, conseillers scolaires, membres du clergé, des paroisses et des organismes diocésains, aumôniers, catéchètes, administrateurs et étudiants, tous les membres de la communauté catholique sont les bienvenus.




Keynote Speakers

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|  | <p>The New Evangelization: Our Common Responsibility</p> <p>Most Reverend Claude Champagne, O.M.I. Bishop of Edmunston, NB</p> |
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|  | <p>Vatican II and the New Evangelization - A Theology of Hope</p> <p>Sr. Maureen Sullivan Dominican Sister of Hope</p> |
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|  | <p>The New Evangelization: Answering the Question</p> <p>Father James Mallon Priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, NS</p> |
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|  | <p>Catholic Education: a Witness of the World to Come (French)</p> <p>Father Gilles Routhier Professor of Theology Université Laval</p> |
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Convention Registration Fees

HST number 834943201RT000

| | Early Bird Before June 30, 2013 | After June 30, 2013 |
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| Adult | \$426.00 (Plus HST) | \$526.00 (Plus HST) |
| Student * (No Early Bird Rate) | \$200.00 (Plus HST) | \$200.00 (Plus HST) |
| * There are a maximum of 50 student places available at the special rate. It is on a first come basis. | | |

Registration fees include admission to all sessions, receptions and meals.

To register, please visit the CCSTA website at www.ccsta.ca.

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CCSTA CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 3, 2013

- 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration & Delegate Package Pickup
7:00 p.m. We Pray: Optional Evening Prayer in Chapel
7:30 p.m. We Welcome: Meet and Greet over Wine and Cheese

Friday, October 4, 2013

- 7:00 a.m. Registration & Delegate Package Pickup
7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast (Provided)
8:30 a.m. We Gather: Opening Liturgy & Welcome
9:15 a.m. Keynote Address - Bishop Claude Champagne, O.M.I. - "The New Evangelization: Our Common Responsibility"
Conversation
Vignette
10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. *Eucharistic Celebration/Mass*
12:00 p.m. We Give Thanks: Lunch (Provided)
1:15 p.m. Keynote Address - Sister Maureen Sullivan, Dominican Sister of Hope – Vatican II and the New Evangelization - A Theology of Hope
Conversation
Vignette
3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Keynote Address - Sister Maureen Sullivan, Dominican Sister of Hope – Vatican II and the New Evangelization - A Theology of Hope
Conversation
Vignette
4:25 p.m. We Reflect: Closing Blessing
5:00 p.m. Meet and Greet: Appetizers with Cash Bar

Saturday, October 5, 2013

- 7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Provided)
8:30 a.m. We Re-gather: Opening Liturgy & Welcome
9:00 a.m. Keynote Address - Father James Mallon (English) - "The New Evangelization: Answering the Question" and Fr. Gilles Routhier (French) - Catholic Education: a Witness of the World to Come
Conversation
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| 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | Keynote Address - Father James Mallon (English) - "The New Evangelization: Answering the Question" and Fr. Gilles Routhier (French) - Catholic Education: a Witness of the World to Come Conversation |
| 11:45 a.m. | We Give Thanks: Lunch (Provided) |
| 1:00 p.m. | Youth Panel Presentation and Discussion - Facilitator: Jonathan Roy |
| 2:15 p.m. | What We Have Heard: Paula Peroni and Jerome Niezgoda |
| 3:00 p.m. | We Send Forth Celebration |

All conference participants will receive a folder containing essential conference materials as well as guidelines to assist you for your follow-up and sharing of resources.

There will be a schedule of Masses available in local parishes close to the Marriott Hotel listed in your delegate package. Therefore, participants if they wish will have an opportunity to attend Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
INVITATION TO CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF
RETIREMENT OF SR. JOAN CRONIN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013 - 4:30 P.M.**

Invitation

Please join us as we honour and celebrate

Sister Joan Cronin, g.s.i.c

On the occasion of Sister Joan's retirement following 20 years of exemplary service as Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE)

and

Her election as General Superior of her religious community, the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

on

Sunday, October 6th, 2013

4:30 p.m.

**Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel
Trinity Ballroom (lower level)
525 Bay Street
Toronto**

**Welcome, Presentation, and Remarks by ICE Partners
Reception and Fellowship**



Please detach this portion and return by Wednesday, September 18th, 2013, to:
Lou Piovesan, General Secretary, Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario
10 St. Mary Street, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario M4 Y 1P9

Name: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Will attend – Enclosed is \$30.00 per person for reception and gift

Unable to attend – Enclosed is contribution for gift

Unable to attend – expression of best wishes enclosed

Please make cheque(s) payable to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION KIT LAUNCH - NEXT PHASE
IN ONTARIO'S EDUCATION STRATEGY**

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August 29, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

Beginning this fall, we are embarking on an exciting journey to build the next phase in Ontario's education strategy. An important part of this process will be local, community-based consultations, ensuring a wide range of participants. I am writing to ask for your help in leading these local conversations by hosting one or more community consultations in your district school board.

The consultation period will continue until mid-November, giving people from your community the opportunity to submit their ideas and help take our education system – already one of the best in the world – from great to excellent. Together, we will consider seven key questions related to the future of education in our province. These questions were outlined in the consultation document released in May, 2013.

We have created a community consultation kit containing a variety of support materials to help develop and guide your local consultations. My hope is that this kit will provide a useful framework for you to gather a wealth of untapped ideas from your community. Some boards may find opportunities to hold community consultations before the regional consultations take place in mid-October.

To access these support materials, please visit [Great to Excellent](#) and follow the link to community consultation kit.

As educators, we have much to be proud of in Ontario, while aspiring to even greater heights. With your support and leadership, I am confident that this consultation period will be a rich and rewarding experience for everyone involved. I thank you in advance for your time, effort and contribution, as we plan together for the next phase in Ontario's publicly funded education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Sandals".

Liz Sandals
Minister

c: Directors of Education