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AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
6:30 P.M.**



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

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Correspondence -
- 2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended -
- 3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action -
- 4. Trustee Information
4.1 Calendar of Events – September 2026 D4.1
- 5. Open Question Period
(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer. Please refer to the Board By-Laws for procedural guidelines.)

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1. Notice of Motion Submission -
- 2. Notice of Motion Presentation -

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON IN CAMERA SESSION

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

TOPIC: OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

As we reflect on the recent celebration of Your Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we give You thanks for Your sacrificial love and for Mary's faithful witness.

Form our hearts after Yours, that we may grow in truth, in charity, and in faithfulness to Your will. In the responsibilities before us, grant us wisdom in our deliberations, justice in our decisions, and humility in our service, so that, in all we do, we may lead those entrusted to our care closer to You.

We ask this in Your holy Name.

Amen.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2026**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
MAY 26, 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2026, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Father Kenneth Burns c.s.c. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

Land Acknowledgement statement was delivered by Student Trustee Sexton

2. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Di Lorenzo

3. **Roll Call**

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Benoit joined electronically and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit		✓		
Joseph Bruzzese	✓			
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Danny Di Lorenzo	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Doug Joyner	✓			
Jim Marino	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Taylor Sexton	✓			
Mason Pasma	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Kim Kinney, Gino Pizzoferrato, Pat Rocca, Domenic Massi, Joseph Zaroda**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Interim Director of Education; **Julia Tiessen**, Executive Officer of Human Resources; **Anna Lisa Conidi**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2026, as presented.

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting**

6.1 **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2026**

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 **Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 21, 2026***

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 21, 2026*, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Di Lorenzo requested Item 7.2 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2026 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 12, 2026, as presented.

7.1.1 **Larkin Estate University/College Admission Awards**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$8825.30 for the Larkin Estate University/College Awards for eligible students, as presented.

7.2 The Provisions of Special Education of Program and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the *Special Education Plan 2026*, as presented.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of April 8, 2026

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 8, 2026, as presented for information.

7.4 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of January 8, 2026

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 8, 2026, as presented for information.

7.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4.

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items, as amended.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Kids Helping Kids Novelty Cheque Presentation

Chair Di Lorenzo introduced Gino Pizzoferrato, Superintendent of Education who provided background information on the Niagara Catholic's 2026 Kids Helping Kids Campaign which raised funds for the Niagara Children's Centre and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. The campaign successfully raised a total of \$40,795.60.

Director Cipriano and Chair Di Lorenzo presented Noella Klawitter Chief Executive Officer of Niagara Children's Centre and Pam Sharpe Director of Development of Niagara Children's Centre with a cheque for \$20,397.80.

Ms. Klawitter addressed the Board and expressed her gratitude for the Niagara Catholic Partnership not only through fundraising, but through collaboration, advocacy, and shared commitment to helping children reach their full potential. Kids Helping Kids is more than fundraising it helps shape compassionate, empathetic students who support children in their own community. She highlighted the long-standing 28-year partnership with Niagara Catholic, which has raised nearly \$900,000 and fostered a culture of kindness, inclusion, and generosity. Ms. Klawitter thanked the students, staff, and community for their ongoing support in helping children and inspiring future compassionate leaders.

Director Cipriano and Superintendent Pizzoferrato presented Danny Di Lorenzo Director/Treasurer of the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education with a cheque for \$20,397.80.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. 2026 Proportions of Enrolment for Purpose of the Education Act

Director Cipriano provided background information regarding the 2026 Proportions of Enrolment for the purpose of the Education Act and introduced Interim Director Giancarlo Vetrone.

Interim Director Vetrone presented the Enrolment for Purpose of the Education Act report for information. Director Cipriano and Interim Director Vetrone answered questions of the Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic Theological Theme for 2026-2029

Director Cipriano and Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided background information regarding the Niagara Catholic Theological Theme for 2026-2029.

Superintendent Kinney introduced James Carnegie, Board Chaplaincy Leader (Acting) to present the Niagara Catholic Theological Theme for 2026-2029 for information.

Director Cipriano, Superintendent Kinney and Mr. Carnegie answered questions of the Trustees.

Trustee Huibers motion that moving forward the Niagara Catholic Theological Theme report is a recommendation that is approved by the Board. Trustee Huibers motioned that the following motion is put forward, that the Board of Trustees receive and endorse the theme as it is the cornerstone of our Catholic faith-filled education system for students, staff, and community.

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Board of Trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive and endorse the theme as it is the cornerstone of our Catholic faith-filled education system for students, staff, and community.

CARRIED

3. 2026-2027 Core Education Funding

Director Cipriano provided background information regarding the 2026-2027 Core Education Funding Act and introduced Interim Director Giancarlo Vetrone.

Interim Director Vetrone presented the 2026-2027 Core Education Funding report for information. Director Cipriano and Interim Director Vetrone answered questions of the Trustees.

4. Consent Agenda Item A7.2

7.2 The Provisions of Special Education of Program and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions

Chair Di Lorenzo asked questions regarding the Provisions of Special Education Services – Special Education Plan Revisions. Director Cipriano and Superintendent Gino Pizzoferrato answered questions of the Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the *Special Education Plan 2026*, as presented.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil Reported

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that, as the Board gathers for the May 26th Board Meeting, it marks an important transition in our system. We prepare to say farewell to our Director of Education, Camillo Cipriano, whose final day with the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be June 5th, as he assumes the role of CEO of the Toronto District School Board.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Di Lorenzo acknowledge Director Cipriano's leadership and the many contributions he has made to Niagara Catholic over the past six years. He highlighted Director Cipriano's strong leadership in building a unified and dynamic senior team, his steadfast commitment to student achievement and well-being, and his advocacy for staff development and innovation. Under his guidance, the system successfully navigated the challenges of the pandemic, saw continued enrollment growth, and achieved strong student outcomes. He also advanced meaningful student pathways through specialized programs and modern facilities, while remaining highly visible and engaged across schools and communities. While expressing gratitude for his service, the Board also acknowledged the significance of his new appointment and the Catholic values that will continue to guide his leadership.

Chair Di Lorenzo welcomed Giancarlo Vetrone as Interim Director of Education, thanking him for stepping into the role and expressing confidence in his ability to ensure stability and continuity during the transition. On behalf of the Trustees, Director Cipriano was thanked for his dedication, with best wishes extended for his future success.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – June 2026

Chair Di Lorenzo presented the Calendar of Events for June 2026.

It was noted that the SAL Meeting has been changed to June 10, 2026.

4.2 Graduation Dates – June 2026

Chair Di Lorenzo presented Graduation Dates for June 2026.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Lisa Conidi

4.3 Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration

Chair Di Lorenzo reminded Trustees of the Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration on June 11 at 6:00 pm at Club Roma.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Lisa Conidi

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

None Submitted

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of April 28, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of May 12, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

The Board received a Staffing Report listing new hires, resignations and retirements.

The Board was provided with a Human Resources Services Status Report summarizing the status of grievances.

The Board discussed Secondary Principal and Vice Principal assignments for 2026-2027 school year.

The Board discussed the Capital Funding Project for South Niagara Falls Elementary School.

The Board of Trustees and Directors only discussed the restructuring of Senior Administration and the Interim Director's role.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the May 26, 2026 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 26, 2026**.

Approved on **June 16, 2026**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Giancarlo Vetrone
Interim Director of Education

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2026**

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL MEDALISTS 2026

Prepared by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Interim Director of Education

Date: June 16, 2026



PRESENTATION BACKGROUND

**Board Meeting
June 16, 2026**

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL MEDALISTS 2026

Students from the Niagara Catholic District School Board medaled at several different events as they represented their school and our Board at recent national and provincial competitions.

Niagara Catholic students who won medals at various national and provincial events will be presented at this meeting.

Niagara Catholic District School Board is extremely proud to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of these students.

Niagara Catholic also extends its sincere appreciation to school staff, outside coaches and parents for dedicating their time and efforts in motivating and guiding our students to achieve such a high level of performance at provincial and national competitions.

See Appendix A for the list of schools, teachers, coaches and students.

Prepared by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education
Presented by: Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education;
Approved by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Interim Director of Education
Date: June 16, 2026

National and Provincial Medalists 2025-26 - Appendix A – June 16, 2026 Board Meeting

School	Event (Be specific)	Medal	Coach(es) / Staff Attending	Student / Team Members Attending
Blessed Trinity	Cheer	Bronze	Cristina Gallo, Teresa Fonzo	
Blessed Trinity	Skills Ontario - Horticulture and Landscape	Bronze	David Antonlin	Matteo Volpini
Blessed Trinity	Girls LAX	Silver	Sara Riganelli, Stephanie Jarrett, and Madaline Acetuino	Elliote Pergentile and Rachel Weninger
Blessed Trinity	Track- 300 meter hurdles	Silver	Michelle Wilson	Quinn Wilson
Blessed Trinity	Track-Triple Jump	Silver	Michelle Wilson	Mico Penich
Blessed Trinity	Wrestling - 46 kg and 38 kg	GOLD x 2	Megan Schweitzer, and Diane Lavigne	Mya Stienstra and Klaus Schweitzer
Denis Morris	Girls Soccer AA	OFSSA Gold	Laura Petroff Helen Petrullo	
Denis Morris	Skills	Gold Medalist Hairstyling, 4th at Nationals		Alessandra Maddalena
Denis Morris	Skills	Skills Bronze landscaping		Isabella Molek
Denis Morris	OFSSA Track	Bronze Track 1500m	Anthony Corrizato	Timothy Woods
Denis Morris	CSSRA Rowing	Gold Sr Women Single	Pat Morris Kevin O'Rourke	Shanell Burcher

Denis Morris	CSSRA Rowing	Gold Junior Men Double	Pat Morris Kevin O'Rourke	Oliver Bosak Boris Osei-Kissi
Denis Morris	CSSRA Rowing	Silver Sr. Men Quad	Pat Morris Kevin O'Rourke	Josh Vandervaart Max Hardy Domenico Patitucci Sam Cooper
Denis Morris	CSSRA Rowing	Bronze Sr Men Double	Pat Morris Kevin O'Rourke	Daniel Hunt MacGregor Winslade
Lakeshore Catholic	Wrestling - 44kg OFSAA Championship	Gold	John Casasanta	Lily Taras
Lakeshore Catholic	Special Olympics All-Ontario School Championships - Soccer	Silver	Josh Oort	Josh Barclay Daouda Bayo Alexander DeMarsh Eli Foebel Jay Honighan Everett Stefanac
Mary Ward Catholic Elementary	Mathletes-Board Champions	Gold	Rebecca Wojtasik Jeff O'Neil	Blaise Kamatovic Claire Liu Paxton Johnstone Jaxon Fragnito
Notre Dame College School	Skills Ontario - Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning	Bronze	Carmine Annicchiarico	Cody Thibeault
Notre Dame College School	MusicFest Canada (Jazz Band)	Silver	Katie Higgins	Alex Mole, Samantha Calderon, Grace Loeffen, Emilio Fraraccio, Spencer Williams, Denise Aplerh-Doku, Alexander Cabrera, Kerah Stoddart, Kyle Bourdages, Keagan Edwards , Cecilia Forte, Josh Lee, Noah Lee, Baileigh Vasas, Wesley Coxon, Max Infusini, Peter

				Sundstrom, Liam Disley, Odin Smith, Mason Pasma, Alivia Winter
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School	Skills Ontario - VEX Robotics	Silver x2	Melissa Lococo Claudia DiGiovanni	Josh Maxwell John-Paul Cirone
Saint Francis	Squash - Emerging Division Provincial Champions	Gold	Rich Alderson	Nolan Alderson Adriaan Alderson Hensley O'Hara Logan Zadorozny Alex Hermez Aidan Johnson Rhys McAdam
Saint Francis	Rowing - CSSRA Championship	Silver	Liz Ianizzi	Sophia Aranda Jules Van Haaster Emerson Snell Lylah Bocchinfuso Isabella Quezado Simao
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Track - Ofsaa 400m - Junior Boys	Silver	Andy Mayer	Alan Tirop
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Skills Ontario - Aesthetics	Silver	Christina Maddalena	Nicole Castro
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Track - Ofsaa 200m Wheelchair	Silver	Andy Mayer	Aiden Mayer
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Trillium Cup - Cheer	Silver	Lina Iuliano, Mia Mastroianni	
Saint Paul Catholic High School	MusicFest Canada (Concert Band)	GOLD	Angela Iorio	Amber Javier

Saint Paul Catholic High School	Senior Boys AA OFSAA Soccer	Bronze	Aldo Seca, Julio Candeloro and Chris Parillo	Tomas Boscacci, Emerson Villegas, Max Harper, Michael Candeloro, Carter Jackson, Liam Shannon, Eric Elefante, Luka Lipinski, Sal Mosselli, Ben Stewart, Finn Dunker Ault, Ivan Ratelle, Stefan Savoury, Gianluca Arghittu, Evan Blake, Will Daminski, Elia Miresse.
Saint Paul Catholic High School	Rowing CSSRA Championship	Gold Silver Bronze X2	Luisa Fazio-Candeloro	Myles Quintyn, Virginia Gates, Lincoln Pearson, Lauren Deprez, Riley Quintyn, Cole Priddle, Alex Remollino, Nicholas Angelone, Travis Gale, Alex Xu
Saint Paul Catholic High School	Senior Boys AA Basketball	Antique Bronze	Mike Doodeman Rick Oreskovich	Mark Cruz, Eric Kaufmann, Liam Williams, Kurt Agustin, Carter Jackson, Aiden Cabiao, Kellai Balabyekkubo, Josh Firth, Derrick Bompat, Raymond Rivera

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2026**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MATH ACHIEVEMENT ACTION PLAN 2025-2026
FINAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board of Trustees recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board continue to endorse the Niagara Catholic District School Board Math Achievement Action Plan 2025-2026.

Prepared by: Kim Kinney – Superintendent of Education, Board Math Lead

Presented by: Kim Kinney – Superintendent of Education, Board Math Lead

Recommended by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Interim Director of Education

Date: June 16, 2026



REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 16, 2026

MATH ACHIEVEMENT ACTION PLAN 2025-2026 FINAL REPORT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education launched Ontario's Math Achievement Action Plan during the 2023-2024 school year to support student achievement and results in math across the province. The ministry brought together experts in mathematics education to better understand the next steps for math improvement in Ontario. Through this work, the ministry developed *Taking Action in Mathematics* (Appendix A), an iterative framework to capture areas of focus and guide improvement actions.

Math Achievement Action Plan

Informed by the ministry's *Taking Action in Mathematics* framework, the Board Math Lead, along with the Math Facilitators developed a board Math Achievement Action Plan, which included three sections:

- All schools report to provide board-wide improvement efforts and results in mathematics
- Priority Schools report to provide intensive improvement efforts
- Priority Schools Provincial KPI (Key Performance Indicators) report to provide intentional monitoring of student achievement KPI's common to all priority schools across the province.

The Math Achievement Action Plan outlines the board's concrete, visible, and measurable strategies as well as key performance indicators at the board, school, and classroom level under the four areas of focus:

1. Curriculum Fidelity
2. Math Content Knowledge for Teaching
3. Knowing Your Student
4. Measurable Results: Improvements in Math Achievement

The Math Achievement Action Plan is to be endorsed by the Director and trustees of the board and will be submitted to the ministry under the following timelines:

- November 14, 2025 (Initial): Initial strategies and KPI's
- March 27, 2026 (Progress): Incorporate data from Term 1/Semester 1
- July 17, 2026 (Final): Incorporate data from Term 2/Semester 2

All schools continue to engage in the work of their Math Achievement Action Plans.

- EQAO results for the Primary and Junior Assessment of Mathematics continue to show a trend towards a positive increase in student achievement, surpassing the Provincial results by a


significant amount. The Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics results also show a positive trend, slightly above Provincial results.

- All staff Kindergarten – Grade 8 received job-embedded Literacy and Numeracy Professional Learning during Chaplaincy Visits through the year targeting the three priority actions identified by the Ministry. Grade 3-8 Educators focused on the components of a comprehensive math program during their professional learning sessions that helped to relate curriculum expectations to instruction and assessment practices and the use of mathematics resources to support student learning.
- Grades 3 and/or 6 educators at Priority schools received weekly in-classroom support and professional development from the Board Math Facilitators (Math Consultant and Math Coaches) throughout the school year.
- Professional learning related to the Ministry’s Priority Actions has been included in Elementary and Secondary PA Days.
- Educators in Kindergarten to Grade 10 continue to engage in the work of Short Learning Cycles. This targeted work has extensive research to back that short, targeted instruction connected to specific student gaps in understanding are linked to closing gaps and moving students along in their understanding.
- Principals continued to participate in Principal Learning Teams concentrating on leading math learning in their schools.
- Kindergarten and Designated Early Childhood Educators participated in two full days of release to prepare them for the updated Kindergarten Curriculum that will be implemented in September 2026. A significant portion of these days was focused on Mathematics and the great importance of early math concepts to the future success of mathematical learning and understanding for students. Early math experienced in Kindergarten is a good predictor of future success down the road.
- Positive feedback from the Ministry of Education on the submitted Math Achievement Action Plan and data, specifically the progress that has been identified in relation to the Key Performance Indicators which link observable student outcomes/progress to the educator knowledge and actions.

Teacher and Student Engagement

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 10 have access to Knowledgehook, one of the Board’s selected digital math tools. While the tool serves a variety of purposes for the educators, including diagnostic and formative assessment, as well as supporting educator content knowledge for teaching mathematics, it also provides opportunities for students to engage in math questions that are directly related to the Ontario Curriculum.

The chart below provides a comparison of metrics regarding teacher and student use of Knowledgehook over this school year:

 GameShows and Missions – Niagara Catholic DSB				
1 February 2026	# of Teachers	# of GameShows	# of Missions	# of Activities per teacher
Niagara Catholic DSB	729	2,444	34,774	51.1
ONTARIO	32,695	62,679	764,779	25.3
15 April 2026	# of Teachers	# of GameShows	# of Missions	# of Activities per teacher
Niagara Catholic DSB	764	3,855	53,242	74.7
ONTARIO	37,388	101,084	1,179,635	34.3



Teacher Support Resources – Niagara Catholic DSB

1 February 2026	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of TSRs accessed	# of TSRs per Teacher
Niagara Catholic DSB	359	49%	2,654	7.4
ONTARIO	7,992	24%	45,880	5.7

15 April 2026	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of TSRs accessed	# of TSRs per Teacher
Niagara Catholic DSB	437	57%	4,148	9.5
ONTARIO	11,093	30%	76,787	6.9



Short Learning Cycles – Niagara Catholic

1 February 2026	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of Cycles	# of Cycles per Teacher	# of Students	% Growth
Niagara Catholic DSB	372	51%	2,275	6	8,607	9.4%
ONTARIO	2,110	6%	7,293	2.9	45,266	9.9%

15 April 2026	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of Cycles	# of Cycles per Teacher	# of Students	% Growth
Niagara Catholic DSB	464	61%	3,991	8.6	11,340	8.8%
ONTARIO	3,819	10%	15,363	3.4	84,445	9.5%



Short Learning Cycles – Niagara Catholic DSB

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	15 April 2026
# of teachers	12	34	471	509	464
# of cycles	18	50	2,131	3,598	3,991
% of teachers	3.2%	5.9%	55%	67%	61%
# of cycles per teacher	1.5	1.5	4.5	7	8.6
# of students	82	316	12,419	13,448	11,340
% growth	9.8%	10.6%	9.8%	9.7%	8.8%



GameShows et Missions - Secondary

15 avril 2026	# of Teachers	# of GameShows	# of Missions	# of Activities per teacher
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Appendix A:

Taking action in mathematics | Look-fors by provincial action

Math achievement efforts across the province should include multiple proven evidence-informed strategies and approaches to address local learning needs in schools.

The ministry has worked with researchers, math specialists, and school boards to identify three interwoven math actions to be prioritized in the 2023-24 school year. Board Math Leads, as they determine board and school priorities in mathematics achievement, will develop, implement, and monitor a Math Achievement Action Plan that includes meaningful and measurable key performance indicators (KPIs) aligned with each of the priority actions below.

A mathematics community of excellence: In order to promote effective math instruction, it is important for educators to foster mathematics communities in classrooms and schools, and to recognize that not all students learn math in the same way or within the same time frames. Effective math instruction is supported by an inclusive, positive, and safe learning environment where all students feel valued and engaged, and in which educators clearly communicate expectations and establish norms and routines with their students at the beginning of instruction. Educators at all levels of the school system have a role to play in establishing a culture of excellence in mathematics and setting conditions for success. This includes leaders reviewing practices to determine barriers to success, creating accountability, and attending to mathematics attitudes and mindsets in school and system improvement plans.

PRIORITY ACTION: Ensuring fidelity of curriculum implementation and use of instructional and assessment practices with a proven track record of enhancing student achievement.	PRIORITY ACTION: Engaging in ongoing learning to strengthen mathematics content knowledge for teaching	PRIORITY ACTION: Knowing the mathematics learner, and ensuring mathematical tasks, interventions and supports are relevant and responsive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are all educators throughout the system focused on developing a comprehensive understanding and precise implementation of the mathematics curriculum? How do grade, course, and daily lesson plans reflect the current curriculum, including the mathematical processes and connections between curriculum strands? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What systems, supports, and resources are available to support teachers and leaders in determining a focus area for their math content knowledge development? How are all educators engaged in ongoing learning that strengthens their own mathematics knowledge, skills, and attitudes about math teaching and learning? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is student assessment data and prior mathematics knowledge used to guide interventions and planning? How do educators learn about the mathematics strengths, needs and interests of all students to inform their instructional decisions? How are educators supporting inclusion and engagement for all students, especially those with diverse learning needs?
Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritize understanding of the curriculum and the continuum of learning across grades Align resources, including staffing, with mathematics priorities Provide guidelines, resources and supports for mathematics curriculum-aligned long-range plans, unit plans, and lesson plans Leverage digital math resources to support curriculum-linked practice at home 	Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize student achievement data and student work to establish focus areas for mathematics professional learning Understand the importance of the relationship between mathematics content knowledge and effective mathematics instruction, as it relates to student achievement Prioritize mathematics content knowledge for teaching in professional learning opportunities and in allocation of resources, including staffing 	Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align Math Improvement Action Plan with board improvement planning, including using student assessment and demographic data to identify areas of focus Build capacity in data analysis resources to understand mathematics achievement from a variety of sources, including alignment between EQAO, report cards, and locally-developed assessment tools/tasks Provide a digital math tool to support student mathematics learning at home and/or at school, that can be used by teachers to understand current student learning levels and provide targeted supports for students Develop a system-wide attendance strategy for students with more than 10 days of absences as part of board's existing prolonged absence strategy

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board of Trustees recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board continue to endorse the Niagara Catholic District School Board Math Achievement Action Plan for 2025-2026.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Elementary and Secondary PA Day	3 Elementary and Secondary PA Day	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 First Day of School Committee of the Whole Meeting	9 SEAC Meeting	10 NCPIC Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16 Niagara Foundation Annual Charity Golf Classic	17 Audit Committee Meeting	18	19
20	21	22 Board Meeting	23 SAL Meeting	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			