



Niagara Catholic District School Board

NIAGARA CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD OF DISTINCTION POLICY

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

100 - Board

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The following Administrative Operational Procedures have been established to meet the requirements of the Board's policy on the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction.

A Wall of Distinction is erected in a prominent location in the foyer of the Catholic Education Centre, to publicly proclaim the Board's esteem for those who have provided outstanding contributions to Catholic Education in the Niagara Region.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual or group (school, parish, home, community) who has participated in, or contributed to the growth of Catholic Education in the Niagara Region.

CRITERIA

Nominees must have:

- Made a notable, significant and positive contribution to Catholic Education in the Niagara Region over a sustained period of time;
- Demonstrated leadership that has had an identifiable impact and has made a significant transformation to the Catholic character of the Board
- The fundamental, all-pervasive quality that supports the distinction of Catholic education in the Niagara Region.
- The belief that education in the Catholic faith is possible in every aspect of education.
- Strive to build community and the ideal of the Christian community among Catholic schools and the Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Diocese.
- Accompanied students on their Catholic faith journey.
- Demonstrated tangible commitment for Catholic Education;
- Been an advocate for Catholic Education in the Niagara Region.

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Each year in the Fall, communication about the call for nominations will be made available through a variety of channels, including, but not limited to newspaper advertisements, forms available at the Catholic Education Centre, all schools of the Board, and through the Board's website and multimedia platforms. Nominations will also be sent to the Parishes, Catholic School Councils, Diocesan Office, and groups such as past and present leaders of the Board).
2. [*Nomination Forms*](#) will require detailed documentation and substantiation of a nominee's contribution to Catholic Education in Niagara. This may include input from the group being nominated.

3. Each nomination will require the signed endorsement of three individuals.
4. Nominations must be sent to the designated Administrative Assistant, who will forward them to the designated Superintendent of Education.
5. Nominations must be received by the designated Administrative Assistant at the Catholic Education Centre as announced on the Nomination Form.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Each fall, the Director will establish a Niagara Catholic Award of Distinction Selection Committee, which will consist of the following members:

- The Chair of the Board or their designate
- The Vice-Chair of the Board or their designate
- The Director of Education or their designate
- The Bishop or his designate
- A Superintendent of Education
- Member(s) of the Niagara Catholic Principals' Association
- Board Chaplaincy Leader
- Up to three additional members representative of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC), Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and Student Senate as selected by the Director, in consultation with Senior Administrative Council. The Chair of the Board, or designate, will be the Chair of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will be required to maintain confidentiality on all discussions and decisions of the committee.

The Selection Committee will review all submissions and arrive at a final decision. Once the Committee makes a decision, the recipient will be notified and presented to the Board.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

1. The Award will be announced and presented annually. The recipient(s) will also be publicized through the local media.
2. The Award will consist of a commemorative plaque which will be presented to the recipient. A permanent acknowledgment plaque will also be placed on the Wall of Distinction. Recipients will be invited to view the commemorative plaques on the Wall of Distinction.

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