

# Staying Connected...

## A Message from Your Burlington Trustees



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Thank you, thank you and thank you! To all of our parents, caregivers and staff for another successful year! A special Congratulations to all our graduating students who are moving onto the next phase of their education or life experience. It is the unifying element of volunteers, staff and parish support that enable our students their successes - no matter the size of accomplishment. Truly, it is an honour to be able to be of service to this wonderful family called Halton Catholic. Hope you all have a safe and rejuvenating summer!! If you have concerns, I'm available over summer months as well. May God Bless!



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As Chair, I have been lucky to visit many schools both in and outside of Burlington, also attending events celebrating the children. Attending graduations has been great fun - my favourite time of year! The Catholic Church, on the 70th Anniversary June 3rd, of UNESCO "has placed education at the centre of her mission and continues to consider it as a priority". The HCDSB has recommitted to education respecting the integrity of the whole person. Investment in education is a condition for the progressive development of all peoples. I extend my best wishes to you all for a happy and safe summer! See you in September!



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It is hard to imagine that the end of the school year is here! As I continue to visit and take in the events at our schools; I have to admit to being so impressed. The talents, outputs and sheer energy of all our children and young people is truly inspirational. How fortunate and blessed am I to have this opportunity to be inspired by our youth. I will be attending graduation ceremonies in the coming weeks and I am looking forward to seeing more of our young people and everyone that contribute to making our schools the best. Have a Holy and Happy summer...and eat lots of ice cream!

### Your opinion matters!

To share your feedback on matters related to our role as Trustees, please feel free to get in touch with us through email or phone, as provided.

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## What's Happening at the Board Table?

### Budget

We are happy to report that on June 16, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved a balanced budget for the 2015-2016 school year. To view the final budget report and for more information on the [2015-2016 Budget Process](#) please visit the Board's website at [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org).

*The Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees take place on the first & third Tuesday of every month from September through June. Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend!*

### Strategic Planning

We have begun planning for the development of our next multi-year plan, which will address our system goals and priorities, beyond 2015. We are currently at Phase II of the process, which involves setting the context and gathering information from staff. In September, we will be reaching out to our parents and ratepayers to provide us with their feedback through consultations.

For those parents who were not able to attend the Trustee Town Hall we held on June 11th, please take a moment to fill out a quick survey at: <https://survey.hcdsb.org/2015StakeholderConsultation.aspx>

The information we collect will help us determine how best we can get in touch with you to get your feedback.

### Policies Recently Reviewed

- Policy I-09 School Accommodation Review - Consolidation Closure
- Policy I-43, Use of Technology and Digital Citizenship
- Policy II-47 Fees for Learning Materials, Programs and Curricular & Co-Curricular
- Policy II-46 Assessment and Evaluation

*The Policy Committee Meeting meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public, and guests are always welcome!*



### Role of Trustees

The areas of responsibility for the Board of Trustees are:

- system mission and goals
- strategic planning
- establishing and monitoring Board policies
- monitoring the implementation of provincial education policies
- establishing a budget and monitoring its implementation

### Communication Protocol

Trustees will often be contacted by parents with concerns about their child's education. Most issues can be resolved at the school level, and our teachers and principals value open communication with parents and the opportunity to address concerns at the school level. Parents are encouraged to follow the appropriate communication protocol, and adhere to the requirements of [Policy V-9 Complaints—Parents and Public to Trustees](#), found on the Board's website at [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org)

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