

Staying Connected...

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.

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!

Are you registered as a **Catholic (Separate) school supporter?**



To check or change your direction of school support, please call 1-866-296-6722

A Message from Your Trustee



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Dear Catholic Ratepayers of Milton,

As our town continues to grow, we have been very pleased to have opened two new schools, Queen of Heaven Catholic Elementary School in Holy Rosary Parish and St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School in St. Benedict Parish. We are pleased that there will be no changes to our school boundaries for September, 2015. This coming Fall will see the updating of the Board's Strategic Plan, thus enhancing educational opportunities for our children.

As the 2014-2015 school years draws to a close, we are grateful to the staff of each of our Milton schools for their dedication to our children and their commitment to teaching the students to strive to reach their potential. Best wishes to you and your families for an enjoyable summer!

Your opinion matters!

To share your feedback on matters related to my role as Trustee, please feel free to get in touch with me through email or phone, as provided above.

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.