

Staying Connected...

A Message from Your Trustees



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Many thanks to all those who extended their support! I look forward to continuing to serve not just our system as a whole but more closely the families and students within my wards. I'm open and available for discussion for all your child's or school community needs. Please take time to participate in our Town Hall meetings and with your Catholic School Councils - we couldn't achieve the standards we do without parental assistance. We welcome your input and opinions, so please do not hesitate to relay your observations or concerns. Have a safe and healthy 2015!



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Happy New Year!

A huge thank you goes out to all who put their trust in me and voted me back in as your Trustee - some of you I have had the pleasure of knowing a long time and some of you I have just met. I am committed to working diligently with my fellow Trustees and Board Staff, and you the Parents, to further animate our schools with Faith, academic excellence, respect and safety. Stay tuned for the first Town Hall Meeting of 2015!



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As I write this early in 2015 my hope for everyone is a Holy and Happy New Year! I continue to be honoured and feel privileged to be serving as a Catholic School Trustee for Burlington, Wards 4 & 5. The support shown and given for incoming Trustees as well as the incumbent Trustees is substantial. While there is a lot to learn and assimilate; I look forward to doing so as I realize there is an enormous contribution to make as well. As part of "Staying Connected" with your Catholic School Board and making your voice heard I would encourage everyone interested in Catholic Education to look for the Town Hall meetings planned for 2015. As always feel free to be in touch with me should you have any suggestions, questions or concerns about Catholic Education.

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.

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.

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What's Happening at the Board Table?

Inaugural Board Meeting

The Inaugural Meeting of the 2014-2018 Halton Catholic Board of Trustees took place at Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School in Milton on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Once the Board was declared legally constituted, the elections took place for Chair and Vice-Chair. *Jane Michael*, Burlington Trustee for Wards 3 & 6, was elected to be the new Chair, and Burlington Trustee for Wards 1 & 2, *Arlene Iantomasi* was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Budget

We are pleased to report that at the Regular Meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board, held on December 16, 2014, we approved the 2014-15 Revised Budget Estimates in the amount of \$353,448,564. The 2014-15 Revised Budget Estimates reflect not only a balanced budget, but an estimated Total Surplus Available for Compliance of \$1,694,735. The Revised Budget Estimates were submitted to the Ministry on December 17, 2014.

The Board of Trustees meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend!

Strategic Planning

The Board's current multi-year plan provides our Strategic Directions for 2010 through 2015. As a Board, we have begun the preliminary planning steps towards the development of our next multi-year plan, which will address our goals and priorities, beyond 2015.

Opportunities will be afforded for parents and members of the community to provide input during this process through **Town Hall Meetings with Trustees**. Details pertaining to the Town Hall Meetings will be shared with all parents once they have been scheduled. We look forward to the Strategic Planning Renewal Process, which will bring clarity and a shared sense of purpose to our work as a Catholic school board. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress as we move ahead in the months to come.

Policies Under Review

- Policy I-43, Use of Technology and Digital Citizenship
- Policy I-24 Fraud Management
- Policy II-26 Risk Management of Interschool Sports

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