

October 2015

## What's Happening at the Board Table?

The Board is gathering public feedback on two amended policies, approved at first reading at the September 15, 2015, Meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board. The policies are related to [school accommodation planning and partnerships](#): Policy I-09 School Accommodation Review - Consolidation/Closure and Policy I-37 Community Planning and Facility Partnerships. For more information on providing input by October 7, 2015, 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

Our Board of Trustees are working on our next multi-year plan, which will determine our strategic direction, beyond 2015. We are at Phase III of the process, which involves gathering input from our community that will help to inform our decision-making over the coming years.

### There are three ways you can provide your input:

1. On **Wednesday, October 7th** Trustees of the Halton Catholic District School Board are hosting a **Town Hall Meeting** at *Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School in Milton*, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All who attend the Town Hall will have an opportunity to participate in a focus group activity that will gather everyone's feedback.
2. For those not able to attend the Town Hall in person on October 7th, we will also be hosting a **Telephone Town Hall later in October**. This is essentially an information session that is held by teleconference. Participants will be able to provide input through a survey, and may also leave a voice message at the end of the session.
3. We have also made available the option to provide your input through an **online survey, which is available here:** <http://bit.ly/2015-16StrategicPlanning>. The survey is very brief – just 4 questions – and should only take a few minutes to complete.

Details will be posted on our Board's website at: [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org).

## Your Halton Hills Trustee



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## Appropriate 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.

- Parents who have concerns about their child's education should contact their child's school. Initially, the child's teacher should be approached.
- After speaking with the child's teacher, if the matter is not yet resolved, the parent should then contact the School Principal.
- After speaking with the School Principal, if the matter is not yet resolved, the parent should then contact the appropriate Superintendent of Education.
- After speaking with the Superintendent of Education, if the matter is not yet resolved, the parent should then contact the Director of Education.

## Policies Recently Reviewed

- Policy II-49 English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Literacy Development (ELD) Programs and Services
- Policy III-17 Attendance Support Program
- Policy I-19 Occupational Health and Safety
- Policy III-15 Workplace Violence - Annual Review

*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