

November 2016

## Strategic Planning



During the period of June 2014 to September 2016, our Board of Trustees prepared the next multi-year plan, to determine our school board's strategic direction beyond 2016. The process involved 6 phases.

After many months of [community consultation and planning](#) in September, 2016, the Halton Catholic District School Board launched a new multi-year plan.

### Why Strategic Planning?

**Focus on Our Students: Strategic Plan 2016-2021** provides direction for the next five years that will guide the decisions and actions that shape us as a school board – who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

The *Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act, 2009*, requires school boards to develop and monitor multi-year plans that achieve the following 3 goals:

1. Promoting student achievement and well-being;
2. Ensuring effective stewardship of the board's resources; and
3. Delivering effective and appropriate education programs to students.

## Provide your input!

Please take a moment to complete this quick survey, about our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: [bit.ly/FocusOnStudents](http://bit.ly/FocusOnStudents)

## Your Milton Trustee



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[Read my message here.](#)

### 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 III-16 Workplace Harassment
- Policy III-17 Attendance Support Program
- Policy I-31 Apparel Purchases and Fair Labour Practices
- Policy I-01 Catholic School Support
- Policy V-07 Cash Donations Bequests to a School or to the Board
- Policy I-34 (B) Reimbursement of Board Business Expenses for Trustees and External Members of Board Committees

*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?**



For information on registering as a Catholic school supporter, please visit: [bit.ly/CatholicSchoolSupport](http://bit.ly/CatholicSchoolSupport)