

Staying Connected...

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 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!

Policies Under Review

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

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

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.

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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I am delighted and honoured to be able to represent the Catholic parents and rate-payers of Milton. A long-time resident of Milton, I have watched our town grow into the vibrant and diverse community that it is today. As we continue to experience growth, I look forward to my work as your Trustee, advocating for the needs of our students. I consider it a privilege to work one-on-one with families, and I would welcome your insights, and your questions on matters that are relevant to you as parents within the context of our shared responsibility for the education of your children.

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.hcgsb.org.