

Staying Connected...

A Message from Your Trustees



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Over the next few weeks, the Ministry of Education will be releasing revisions to the Health and Physical Education curriculum in Ontario schools. I urge all parents and ratepayers in Halton to review the revised Sexual Health section in the curriculum, once it has been released, and share your thoughts and any concerns with us, as well as your local MPPs.



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Happy New Year!
Thank you for putting your trust in me in last fall's election. I will continue to work diligently on your behalf and I invite you to provide feedback to help me serve you better.



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As a newly elected Oakville Trustee, I look forward to collaborating with parents, ratepayers, students, teachers and staff of the HCDSB to promote and secure a solid academic and enriching Catholic Education in Halton. I value and welcome your comments, ideas, suggestions and concerns.



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I encourage all parents and ratepayers in Oakville to pay attention to coming changes to Ontario's Health and Physical Education curriculum, specifically with regard to revisions made to the 'Human Development and Sexual Health' section, which falls within the 'Healthy Living' strand. Please make your opinions known to Trustees and Members of Provincial Parliament.

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 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

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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