



# Highlights

from the February 27, 2017 Board Meeting

## St. John Bosco Catholic School

Thank you to students from St. John Bosco Catholic School for opening the meeting with O Canada and a joyful melody which included a combination of talented vocals and kazoo enthusiasts.



## Safe and Caring Schools



Janine Bowyer, Superintendent of Safe schools shared an overview of the Board's Safe and Caring Schools initiatives. She reviewed the Board's Bullying Prevention and Intervention activities and acknowledged many students who played a key role throughout the year. Congratulations to students whose work was selected in the multi-media contest launched in September 2016 along the theme of Kindness is My Superpower. Their work is featured at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca). Superintendent

Bowyer highlighted the work taking place in Safe and Accepting Schools including:

- Safe and Caring Schools Week; Bullying Prevention and Intervention Week; and Stand Up to Bullying Week
- Implementation of the Police/Board Protocol in September 2016
- Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training
- Traumatic Event System (TES) training
- School Climate Surveys
- Restorative practices – leadership team development
- Teaching and Reinforcing Pro-Social Skills

## Long-Term Accommodation Plan



Bob Camozzi, Superintendent of Facilities Services and Lewis Morgulis, Manager of Planning, Admissions and Partnerships presented the five-year Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) which included proposed actions for 2017-2021.



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## Update from John Rinella, Chair of the Board



Thanks to staff and members of the community who attended the Mind, Body and Spirit Symposium earlier this month, organized by the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Thanks also to the committee for the integral role they play in building a sense of community, as it is part of who we are as a Catholic school system.

I extend the invitation to all of our Trustees and members of the community to participate in another upcoming event to be hosted by Board staff in partnership with the Special Education Advisory Committee. Connecting With Our Children and Teens: Promoting Positive Mental Health – to take place this Thursday, March 2 at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax at 6 p.m. Registration information and details can be found at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca).



It was great to see 100% participation by our schools celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February with announcements, displays, lessons and enriched educational experiences. We were also pleased to see the positive impact our schools are making in spreading the word about Kindness through Stand Up to Bullying Week, Pink Shirt Day and other activities. Thank you to students for promoting kindness in our schools. Keep up the great work.

As we enter the season of Lent as a Catholic school system in this Year of Community, may we strengthen our relationship with God and remain true to our Board's [mission, vision and values](#), serving with excellence in the Light of Christ.



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## Update from the Director of Education



Our schools, offices and social media feeds were flooded with PINK and messages of Kindness as our Superpower this month as we led into National Pink Shirt Day last week. Thanks to Student Services for leading this initiative which continues to promote kindness in our schools beyond Pink Shirt Day.

We had the privilege of hearing from His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins as he was a featured guest at our Feasting on Faith series.

Thanks to staff and their families who attended; and the Board's Adult Faith Formation Committee for hosting this special evening.



Our staff members have been busy with upcoming plans in support of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation. Registration is now open at the Foundation's website: [durhamcatholicfoundation.ca](http://durhamcatholicfoundation.ca) for the Community Run for Hope on Sunday, April 23; and tickets can now be purchased online for the 4th Annual Foundation Gala on Friday, May 5, celebrating Our Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Nguen and our 2017 Distinguished Catholic Alumni. The nomination process for the 2017 Durham Catholic Distinguished Alumni is open until March 9. Nominations can be submitted online at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca).



March 1 is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our Lenten journeys for 2017. Thanks to Deacon Dominic Pullano for facilitating Lenten prayers for staff at our Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, and to school staff for organizing Liturgies and prayers during the season of Lent.

St. Patrick Catholic School will celebrate 25 years of Catholic education on March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. All past, present and current students, staff, Trustees and members of the school community are invited to celebrate with a liturgy, presentations and refreshments.



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## from the February 27, 2017 Board Meeting Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the minutes of the February 13, 2017 School Year Calendar Committee meeting.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the 2017/2018 School Year Calendar report dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the 2017/2018 School Year Calendars for elementary and secondary schools, subject to final approval by the Ministry of Education.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Safe and Caring Schools Update.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report entitled Long Term Accommodation Plan 2017-2021 dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Actions proposed for 2017 of the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2017-2021 dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve, "In Principle", the actions proposed for 2018-2021 within the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2017-2021 dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School and St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School Boundary Report dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approves 'In Principle' the proposed boundary revisions for St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School and St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School as outlined in the report dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School and All Saints Catholic Secondary School Boundary Report dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approves 'In Principle' the proposed boundary revisions for Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School and All Saints Catholic Secondary School as outlined in the report dated February 27, 2017.



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- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Oshawa Secondary French Immersion Boundary Report dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approves 'In Principle' the proposed boundary revisions for Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School and Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School as outlined in the report dated February 27, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information, Trustees Attendance Report for the period January to December 2016.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the following correspondence:
  - 2017 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Trustee Award of Merit and Student Trustee Alumnus Award.

## Announcements

Kathy LeFort, Vice-Chair of the Board, made the following announcement:

## Retirements

Name	Current Position	Effective
Ben Pankhurst	Teacher, Monsignor Paul Dwyer C.H.S.	January 23, 2017
Darlene Wiggers	Teacher, St. Matthew the Evangelist C.S.	March 1, 2017

**Minutes of the February 2017 Board Meeting will be posted on the Board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, March 27, 2017.**