



# Highlights

from the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting

## Solo Performance

Thank you to Jillian Foote, student at St. Joseph Catholic School in Uxbridge for opening the meeting with O Canada before prayer, along with a soulful performance of Hallelujah.



## Daily Physical Activity



DCDSB staff presented research and data on the benefits of incorporating increased moderate to vigorous intensity Daily Physical Activity (DPA) for children. In September 2017 the board launched the #DCDSBMoves campaign, placing a renewed focus on DPA and its importance to student achievement and well-being. The campaign supports the Ministry of Education's mandate to ensure students in elementary schools across the province receive a minimum of 20 minutes of daily, quality physical activity.

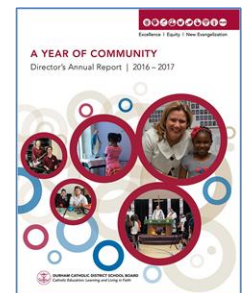
## Long-Term Accommodation Plan



Facilities Services staff presented the five-year Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) which included proposed actions for 2018-2022. The proposed actions presented include the expansion of child care centres, reducing the number of portable classrooms, and proposed actions to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

## Director's Annual Report to the Community

Director O'Brien presented the 2016-2017 Director's Annual Report to the Community. The Theme of the report, A Year of Community, reflects the completion of the second year of the board's three-year New Evangelization plan and our guiding principles of Excellence, Equity and New Evangelization. The report can be viewed at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca).





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## Update from Tricia Chapman, Chair of the Board



Recently, DCDSB trustees attended the annual professional development seminar for members of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA). This year's theme was Advancing the Catholic Education Agenda in Ontario. Chair Chapman said it was a welcome opportunity to learn and discuss how we can work together to strengthen our thriving school system.

Chair Chapman acknowledged a special announcement from the Ministry of Education prior to the Christmas Break regarding funding for the expansion of child care centres at Good Shepherd and Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic Schools. She extended gratitude on behalf of the Board of Trustees to the province and our valued child care partners for making Durham schools a priority.

Chair Chapman congratulated students who celebrated the completion of Centre of Success programs in January, thanking staff members from both Durham College and Father Donald MacLellan Catholic Secondary School for providing a safe and encouraging environment for learning and personal development.

The Chair was grateful to have the opportunity to visit Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School's art exhibition and vocal performance at Carruthers Creek Marsh Pavilion, where students displayed their vocal talents and showcased a collaborative art piece of daVinci's Virgin Child with St. Anne. She also attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual coffeehouse at Father Don McLellan Catholic Secondary School, where students and staff performed in a spirit of friendship and collaboration.

Chair Chapman invited fellow trustees and the Durham Catholic learning community to attend the next event in the Parents as Partners series, Connection is Key: Promoting Positive Mental Health. Featuring Dr. Jean Clinton, the event will take place on February 27 at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School through the Special Education Advisory Committee and Parents Reaching Out Grant.

As we move closer to the Lenten season, the Chair wished everyone a peaceful journey of both reflection and anticipation.



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## Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



The Director asked the Catholic learning community to keep Durham Catholic secondary students in their prayers for a successful completion of their first semester as they prepare for exams. She thanked staff for preparing our students throughout their educational journeys.

Director O'Brien thanked all parents who enrolled their younger students for Kindergarten and French Immersion for September 2018, noting that the board continues to welcome new registrations throughout the year.



The Director shared news about the launch of the Elephant in the Room Campaign for staff across the system. The campaign is part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness about mental illness and reduce the stigma is sometimes associated with it. She thanked Student Services staff and members of the Employee Wellness Committee for their commitment to this program

and ending stigma. She also encouraged everyone to participate in Bell Let's Talk Day on Wednesday, January 31, recognizing that this national initiative is supported by DCDSB's *Together for Mental Health* strategic plan for mental health and addictions, and encourages students and families to talk more about mental health and understand the importance of recognizing when to seek help. This day complements many activities that take place throughout the year in support of DCDSB's mental health strategy, the training that is available for staff, and the mental health curriculum that is taught in classrooms.

The Director noted other board-wide celebrations coming up in February, including Black History Month, Stand Up to Bullying Week and Pink Shirt Day. In preparation for the upcoming Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday on February 14, Director O'Brien wished students, staff and families a peaceful retreat in the anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. She also extended her good wishes to all for a joyous Family Day on Monday, February 19.



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## from the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board accepts the verbal report on the 2017-2018 Board initiative to revitalize Daily Physical Activity for students dated January 22, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report entitled Long Term Accommodation Plan 2018-2022 dated January 22, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Guiding Principles of the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2018-2022 dated January 22, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the actions proposed for 2018 within the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2018-2022 dated January 22, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve, "In Principle", the actions proposed for 2018-2022 with the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2018-2022 dated January 22, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the proposed Executive Compensation Program as vetted with and endorsed by the Ministry of Education.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the 2017 Director's Annual Report.

## Announcements

Monique Forster, Vice-Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:

### Placement of Secondary Vice-Principal

Effective February 5, 2018:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Kate Remiz	Student Services Coordinator	Msgr. John Pereyma CSS

### Placement of Elementary Principal

Effective February 5, 2018:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Jasmine Fredericks	Vice-Principal, Msgr. Pereyma CSS	St. Thomas Aquinas CS



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## Elementary Principal Transfer

Effective February 5, 2018:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement:
Jennifer Harvey	St. Thomas Aquinas CS	St. Josephine Bakhita CS

## Secondment to Ministry Of Education

Secondment of Mariah O'Reilly, Principal, St. Josephine Bakhita CS, to the position of Education Officer with the Ministry of Education, effective February 5, 2018

## Elementary Vice-Principal Transfers

Effective February 5, 2018:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Catherine Tynan	St. John Bosco CS	Monsignor Philip Coffey CS and St. Thomas Aquinas CS

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Elizabeth Torok-Orban	St. Luke the Evangelist CS	St. John Bosco CS

## Appointment and Placement of Interim Elementary Vice-Principal

Effective February 5, 2018

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Carmela Alexander	Teacher, Good Shepherd CS	Interim Elementary Vice-Principal, St. Luke the Evangelist CS

## Retirement

Name	Current Position	Effective
Michael Savage.	Teacher, St. Leo C.S.	December 31, 2017

Minutes of the January 2018 Board Meeting will be posted on the board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, February 26, 2018.