

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
ANNUAL REPORT



www.hscdsb.on.ca



**Come Learn,
Explore and Grow
in Catholic Education**

Message from the DIRECTOR

ROSE BURTON SPOHN



It is an honour to share the 2017 Annual Report of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board with you. Each year, our board reflects on its accomplishments and next steps in five key areas outlined in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

- Catholicity
- Supportive Environments and Well-being
- Relationships
- Student Achievement
- Governance

This year is no different. The report is a true reflection of the individual and collective efforts that our students, staff, families, clergy, trustees, and community partners have made throughout the year to support and improve our Catholic system. Together, we are a strong, united team!

Our report is equally a road map of what we hope to accomplish in the year ahead, as we focus on fulfilling the theme of "Renewing the Promise".

This theme gives us pause to consider the rich history of Catholic education in Ontario - a past anchored in service to the poor and vulnerable - and its relationship to what we do every day in our schools and what we need to do in them in the future.

As the new Director of Education for the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board, I am very proud of all those who have contributed so much time, energy, and passion in the past to make our board a place where mutual support and encouragement flourish. I am also grateful to all those who will continue to contribute their God-given gifts this coming year to ensure our board is one in which all can learn, explore and grow in Catholic education.

God bless,

Rose Burton Spohn
Director of Education

Message from the CHAIR

JOHN CAPUTO



Renewing the Promise is a time of reflection. Have we done everything within our control to do the best we can to care for the children entrusted to us? Do we ask ourselves; are we walking in the footsteps of Jesus our Savior? Have we provided support to all those who require it?

As a Board of Trustees, we try to make the best decisions we can. With the input of our Administrative Council and our teachers, the students will be the benefactors as a result. We all play a very important role in the Catholic education system and we must nurture our relationship with Jesus and lead by example.

At the end of last year the trustees and I travelled to the family of schools in the northern and eastern regions of our board. We were humbled with the warm receptions given to us by each school we visited. It was fantastic to see firsthand the work that is being done for the students of our Catholic system. We plan to continue to be witnesses to the great work that is accomplished each day for our students.

A highlight of the start of the 2017-18 school year was merging four schools into

one at St. Basil Catholic Elementary School. All the work that went into getting the family of schools into our newest facility was well worth the effort. The guidance of our leadership team and the patience shown by all those involved is a true testament of *Renewing the Promise*.

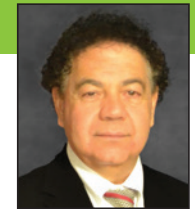
It has been an honour to be your Board Chair this past year to guide all the changes that have occurred. We will miss John Stadnyk, but our new Director of Education, Rose Burton Spohn, has proven she will continue to protect and guide our Catholic education system to serve all those involved.

All the trustees on the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will continue to work hard to make the best decisions to provide a high quality Catholic education for students and staff.

May God bless everyone.

Respectfully

John Caputo
Chair



John Bruno
Superintendent of Education



Joe Chilleli
Superintendent of Education



Maria Esposito
Superintendent of Education



Chris Spina
Superintendent of Business

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

SCHOOL LIST

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Holy Cross - Sault Ste. Marie.....	705-945-5532
Holy Family - Sault Ste. Marie	705-945-5519
Holy Name of Jesus - Hornepayne	807-868-2452
Our Lady of Fatima - Chapleau	705-864-1081
Our Lady of Fatima - Elliot Lake	705-848-2204
Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion - Elliot Lake	705-848-3421
Our Lady of Lourdes - Sault Ste. Marie.....	705-945-5521
Sacred Heart - Espanola.....	705-869-4070

St. Basil - Sault Ste. Marie	705-945-5555
St. Basil's - White River.....	705-822-2411
St. Francis French Immersion - Sault Ste. Marie	705-945-5525
St. Joseph French Immersion - Wawa	705-856-4521
St. Mary - Massey	705-865-2772
St. Mary's - Blind River	705-356-7621
St. Mary's French Immersion - Sault Ste. Marie.....	705-945-5531
St. Paul - Sault Ste. Marie	705-945-5533

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Holy Angels Learning Centre	
Sault Ste. Marie.....	705-945-5685
St. Mary's College	
Sault Ste. Marie.....	705-945-5540



Strategic Directions

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

CATHOLICITY



We are called and committed to make our schools and worksites places where our Catholic faith is planted, nurtured, and shared, and where our students are supported in achieving Catholic Graduate Expectations.

If we implement the new Religious Education curriculum, encourage everyone to model their faith openly, and continue to support faith development activities, then by 2020, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will be more connected as part of our communities.

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS AND WELL-BEING



We are called and committed to being people of hope and celebration, ensuring environments are positive and supportive in educating the whole child. We will work together to make our schools and worksites safe and welcoming places of equity, inclusion, and diversity.

If we make stronger connections to community agencies and demonstrate a welcoming attitude to all we serve, then by 2020, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will significantly improve student and staff well-being.

RELATIONSHIPS



We are called and committed to strengthening relationships with parents; Catholic School Councils (CSCs); parishes; staff; employee groups; agencies; and First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities to better serve our students.

If we consistently engage in respectful dialogue, work collaboratively with one another, and demonstrate mercy, then by 2020, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will be known for its positive relationships, both internally and externally.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



We are called and committed to ensuring high levels of student achievement for all students, in alignment with Ministry goals.

If we intentionally plan effective and differentiated instruction based on student needs and the curriculum, and become more precise in our assessment of student work, then by 2020, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will improve student engagement and achievement.

GOVERNANCE



We are called and committed to developing effective policy governance in alignment with our Board's mission and strategic plan.

If we improve the monitoring, communication, and alignment of our board's fiscal, capital and procedural priorities, then by 2020, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board will have a balanced budget, resources aligned to strategic and operating plans, and renewed facilities conducive to learning.

Come Learn, Explore and Grow in Catholic Education



Achievements in Catholicity

The theme of the 2016-17 school year was *Walking Forward Together*. Staff and students demonstrated how they 'walked the walk' by raising awareness and funds for various groups and initiatives. Faith formation continued with regular visits by priests to schools and regular faith sessions at principals' meetings.



www.hscdsb.on.ca

JANUARY 2018

VIRTUE:

Wholeness,
Temperance &
Self-Control

If you realized how
powerful your thoughts
are, you would never
think a negative thought.

Peace Pilgrim

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1 World Day of Peace	St. Basil the Great 2	Holy Name of Jesus 3	4	5	St. André Bessette 6
	NEW YEAR'S DAY				Christmas Break Ends	
Epiphany of the Lord 7	Baptism of the Lord 8	9	10	11	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 12	13
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 World Day of Migrants & Refugees	15	16	17	18	19	20
			BOARD MEETING	PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY		
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 21	22	23	St. Francis de Sales 24	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 25	26	International Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust 27
			PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY			
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28	29	30	St. John Bosco 31			
			SEAC MEETING			





Next Steps in Catholicity

In the 2017-18 school year, the Board will focus on *Renewing the Promise*. Face-to-face and virtual Additional Qualifications courses in Religious Education will continue to be offered at no cost to all teaching and administrative staff in the Board.



FEBRUARY 2018

VIRTUE:

Love

The love of one's country is a natural thing. But why should love stop at the border?

Pablo Casals

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	Presentation of the Lord World Day of Consecrated Life	2
				P.A. DAY		3
WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK						
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4	5	6	7	8	9	St. Scholastica 10
WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK						
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11	12	13	Ash Wednesday 14	15	16	17
			BOARD MEETING			
1st Sunday of Lent 18	19	World Day of Social Justice 20	21	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle 22	23	24
FAMILY DAY						
2nd Sunday of Lent 25	26	27	28			
			SEAC MEETING			



Achievements in Supportive Environments and Well-being

On the 2017 Faith Day, the keynote address focused on recognizing the effects of poverty on children and the greater school community. The afternoon of Faith Day found Board employees planning strategies to reduce poverty and/or support those who live in poverty every day.





Next Steps in Supportive Environments and Well-being

In 2018, the Board will once again conduct the *Tell Them from Me* climate surveys in all schools. These surveys provide administration with key data on such topics as bullying, violence, safety, and mental health. Such data will then be used to meet goals related to well-being in each school.



APRIL 2018

VIRTUE:
Respect,
Stewardship
& Reverence

The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope.

Wendell Berry

NOTES:



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Easter Sunday 1	2	3	4	5	6	World Health Day 7
	EASTER MONDAY					
2nd Sunday of Easter 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3rd Sunday of Easter 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			BOARD MEETING		P.A. DAY	
4th Sunday of Easter 22 Earth Day	23	24	St. Mark, Evangelist 25	Our Lady of Good Counsel 26	Administrative Professional's Day 27	28
			SEAC MEETING			
5th Sunday of Easter 29	30					



Achievements in Relationships

In 2017, the Board continued to collaborate with its Indigenous partners to begin implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. Age-appropriate lessons about the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in North America, including the Blanket Exercise, were offered to students, staff, and trustees.





Achievements in Relationships

2017 found the Board focused on various initiatives related to technology and technology-enabled learning. All Board and school websites were updated, Google Apps for Education was launched across the Board, and technological devices were refreshed in all schools.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

JUNE 2018

VIRTUE:

Justice

It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.

Eleanor Roosevelt

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Global Day of Parents 1	2
Corpus Christi 3	4	World Environment Day 5	6	7	Sacred Heart of Jesus 8	Immaculate Heart of Mary 9
		BOARD MEETING				
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10	11	World Day Against Child Labour 12	St. Anthony of Padua 13	14	15	16
			SEAC MEETING		P.A. DAY	
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17	18	19	World Refugee Day 20	St. Aloysius Gonzaga 21 Aboriginal Day	22	23
Father's Day			BOARD MEETING	First Day of Summer		
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24	25	26	27	28	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles 29	30
Birth of St. John the Baptist					Last Day of School	



Come Learn, Explore and Grow in Catholic Education



Next Steps in Relationships

Boosting parent involvement in school communities was a priority for the Board in 2017 and will continue to be a priority in 2018. This past year, parents were invited to such events as literacy and arts days. Parents and community members will be invited to learn more about making healthy choices at a PRO-Grant event in the spring of 2018.



www.hscdsb.on.ca

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**JULY
2018**

VIRTUE:

Respect
for Persons

Whoever believes in the
good in people, draws
forth the good in people.

Jean Paul

NOTES:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1	2	St. Thomas, Apostle 3	4	5	6	7
CANADA DAY						
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8	9	10	St. Benedict 11	12	13	St. Kateri Tekakwitha 14
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22	23	24	St. James, Apostle 25	Saints Anne and Joachim 26	27	28
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29	International Day of Friendship 30	St. Ignatius of Loyola 31				





Achievements in Student Achievement

The Board celebrated the success of its students with special needs, as they performed better compared to like peers across the province on Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessments. Special attention was also paid this past year to using assistive technologies productively and providing employees with Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) training.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

AUGUST 2018

VIRTUE:

Honesty

To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best day and night to make you everybody else, means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting.

e.e.cummings

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			St. Alphonsus Liguori 1	2	3	St. John Vianney 4
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5	Transfiguration of the Lord 6	7	St. Dominic 8	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 9	10	St. Clare 11
	CIVIC HOLIDAY					
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12	13	14	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15	16	17	18
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19	20	21	Queenship of Mary 22	23	St. Bartholomew, Apostle 24	25
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 26	St. Monica 27	St. Augustine of Hippo 28	29	30	31	





Achievements in Student Achievement

Graduation rates for the Board remained above the provincial average in 2017.

Positive results were seen at St. Mary's College and Holy Angels Learning

Centre and in the specialized DELF testing for proficiency in French.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 2018

VIRTUE:

Faith

The moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves, too.

W. H. Murray

NOTES:

Horizontal lines for notes.

Calendar grid with dates 1-30, including events like Labour Day, International Day of Charity, and various feast days.





Next Steps in Student Achievement

In 2018, the Board will continue to implement its Math Plan to improve success in mathematics at all grade levels. A Literacy Plan, focused in part on read aloud, guided reading, shared reading, and independent reading strategies will also be implemented to ensure continued strong results in reading and writing.



OCTOBER 2018

VIRTUE:

Courage

In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.

Howard Thurman

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus 1	Guardian Angels 2	3	St. Francis of Assisi 4	World Teacher's Day 5	6
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7	8	9	World Mental Health Day 10	11	12	13
	THANKSGIVING					
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 World Mission Day	St. Teresa of Avila 15	World Food Day 16	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 17	St. Luke 18	19	20
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21	22	23	24	Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day 25	26	27
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28	29	30	31			





Achievements in Governance

As part of the process of amalgamating St. Ann, St. Bernadette, St. Pius X, and St. Theresa into the new St. Basil Catholic Elementary School, the Board held many group activities throughout 2017, including masses and joint parent-student events. These activities allowed for a smooth transition to the opening of the new school in September.



NOVEMBER 2018


VIRTUE:

Wisdom,
Prudence &
Discernment

Wonder is the beginning
of wisdom.

Socrates

NOTES:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				All Saints' Day 1	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) 2	St. Martin de Porres 3
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4	5	6	7	8	9	St. Leo the Great 10
Daylight Savings Time Ends 						
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16	St. Elizabeth of Hungary 17
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18	19	Universal Children's Day 20	Presentation of Mary 21	St. Cecilia 22	23	24
Christ the King Sunday 25	26	27	28	29	St. Andrew, Apostle 30	



Next Steps in Governance

In mid-2017, the Ministry of Education provided approval to proceed with the building of a new Catholic elementary school in Espanola, as a joint project with Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario. It is anticipated that construction of this new school will begin in 2018.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**DECEMBER
2018**

VIRTUE:

Hope

Hope is the deep orientation of the human soul that can be held at the darkest times.

Vaclav Havel

NOTES:

1

1st Sunday of Advent

2

3

4

5

St. Nicholas

6

St. Ambrose

7

Immaculate Conception

8

2nd Sunday of Advent

9

Human Rights Day

10

11

Our Lady of Guadalupe

12

13

St. John of the Cross

14

15

3rd Sunday of Advent

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

4th Sunday of Advent

23

24

25

St. Stephen

26

St. John the Evangelist

27

Holy Innocents

28

29

First Day of Winter

30 Holy Family

31 New Year's Eve

CHRISTMAS

BOXING DAY

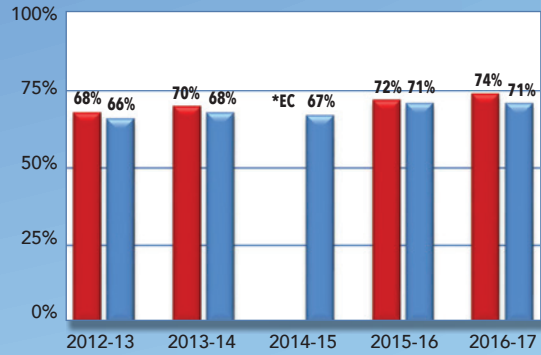




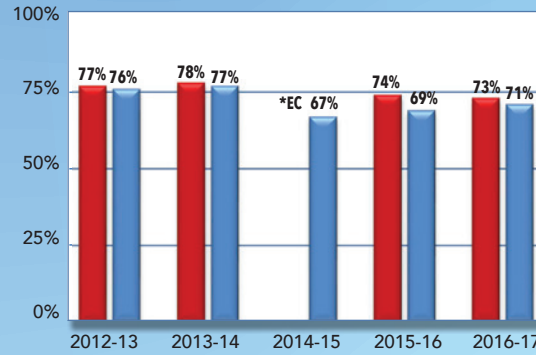




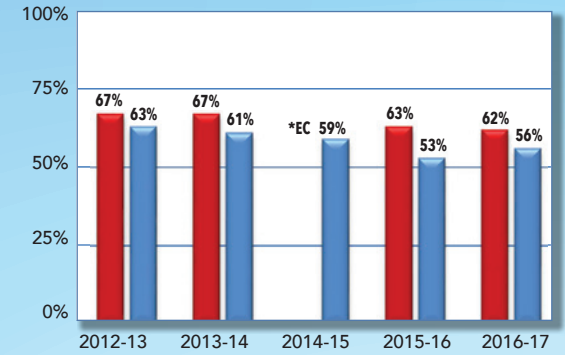
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 3 Reading



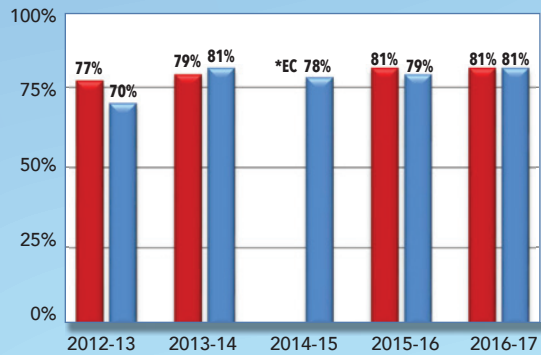
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 3 Writing



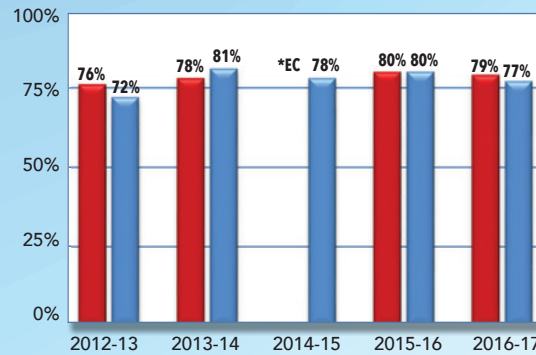
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 3 Math



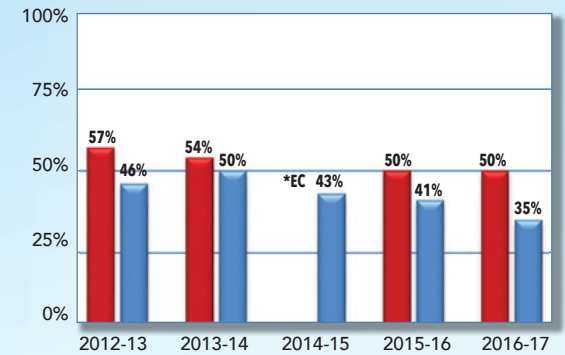
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 6 Reading



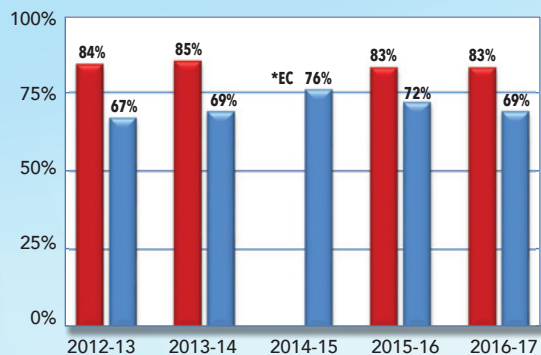
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 6 Writing



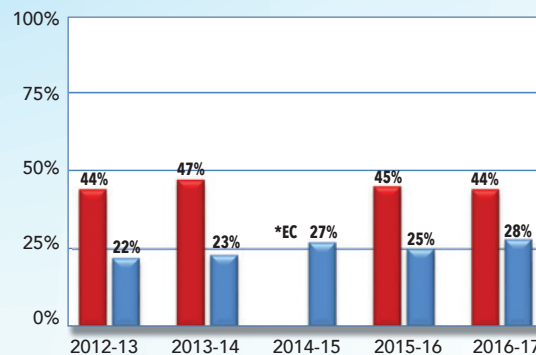
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 6 Math



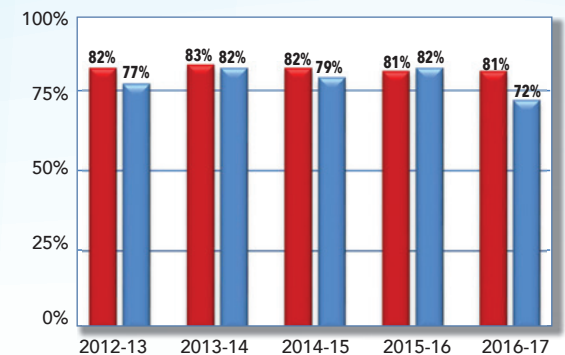
Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 9 Academic Math



Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 9 Applied Math



Percentage of Students At or Above Provincial Standard in Grade 10 (OSSLT) Literacy



Messages from our Partners

The Huron-Superior Catholic Principals' Council is an enthusiastic partner with the HSCDSB promising to make the well-being of all of our students its priority.

The beginning of each school year is met with hope and excitement as we implement the best strategies to nurture our students.

We work with parents, teachers, support staff, and agencies to improve the education for students of all differing abilities. These partnerships also have a positive impact on the emotional and social well-being of the young people who enter our schools.

Catholic educators are truly blessed to have been called to this vocation. With the help of parish teams and parents, we guide our students along their spiritual journey. We share the hope that their faith will serve them well throughout their lives.

Our guiding principle is to provide all students, regardless of ability, with the opportunities to develop the skills to become healthy, strong, empathetic, and productive members of society.

**Wayne Greco, President
Huron-Superior Catholic Principals'
Council of Ontario**

On behalf of the Parent Involvement Committee, we thank all partners involved in improving student achievement and well-being.

We look forward to working with all partners and school councils in the coming year to enrich student faith formation and success in the classroom.

To all staff, board members and Catholic School Councils, who are committed to enhancing parent involvement in their child's education a sincere thank you.

**Maria Murtha and Kathleen Zambusi, Co-Chairs
Parent Involvement Committee**

Board of Trustees



**John Caputo
Chair**



**Gary Trembinski
Vice-Chair**



Laurie Aceti



Leslie Cassidy-Amadio



Tony D'Agostino



Lindsay Liske



Carol MacEachern



Elaine McDonagh



Kathleen Rosilius



Sandra Turco

Catholic teachers play a vital role in today's classrooms to help guide and foster students mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Huron-Superior OECTA members continue to model strong Catholic values within our schools for all students from the minute they enter the Kindergarten program right through their graduation from Grade 12.

Together with the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board, our teachers create inclusive and welcoming classrooms where students feel safe, welcomed and supported as they begin and continue in their life long learning adventure.

Great things continue to happen in our Catholic schools and our school communities. Catholic teachers teach lessons for life, because life is the test.

**Darrell Czop, President
Huron-Superior Ontario English
Catholic Teachers Association**

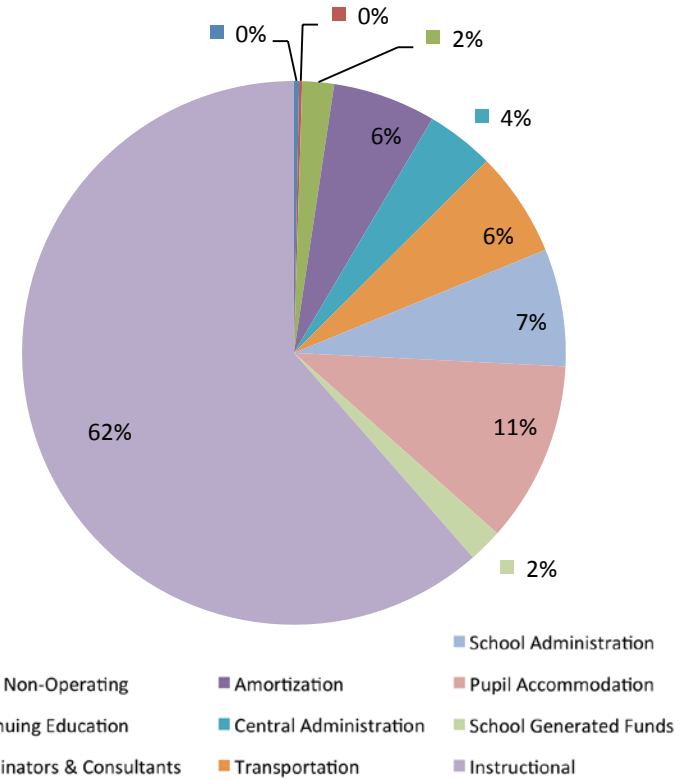
We are very proud of the role CUPE members play in the HSCDSB to provide the complete education our children deserve.

Members of CUPE Local 4148, which include clerical staff, custodial and maintenance staff, early childhood educators, special education assistants, early years assistants and library maintenance workers, play a vital role in ensuring a well-rounded education of a child.

We are proud to represent their voice at the Board level.

**Vicky Evans, President CUPE 4148
Brenda Rankin, Vice President CUPE 4148**

Operating Budget



Student Trustees



**Hope Bye
2016-2017**



**Kieran Desjardins
2016-2018**



**Mia Burzese
2017-2018**

Home of the Saints

St. Basil Elementary Scho

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

Our Mission Statement

**Rooted in Jesus Christ,
we are a Catholic learning community
called and committed to develop
the full potential of each child and
to nurture a personal relationship with Jesus
that will inspire Catholic leadership.**



*Dedicated to excellence in education
and the desire to
live the values of Jesus, we strive to:*

- † affirm the sacredness of life and respect for all creation
- † reverence the dignity of each person as a Child of God
- † provide an enduring education that reflects the essence of our Catholic traditions
- † proclaim Christ's message throughout the curriculum
- † celebrate God's love in prayer, at Eucharist and in all sacramental moments of life
- † create sacred learning environments
- † cultivate enriching opportunities that will deepen faith

Guided by the Spirit on our journey, together with family and Church, we mutually invite, encourage and support one another in our efforts to transform the world.

HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

90 Ontario Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6B 6G7

Tel: 705-945-5400 Fax: 705-945-5575 TF: 1-800-267-0754

www.hscdsb.on.ca