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# OPEN SESSION

**Agenda and Reports**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**7:15 P.M. - Board Meeting - Board Room**



**Huron-Superior Catholic**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**AGENDA FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE  
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 @ 7:15 PM  
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

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**A CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands – (Owen)**  
Today we meet on Turtle Island in the area governed by the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850. It is the traditional land of the Batchewana First Nation, the Garden River First Nation and the Metis settlement at Bawating. We commit ourselves to work on the TRC's Calls to Action that focus on education. We hope to one day know and understand the true history of Canada so we can live into reconciliation with Indigenous peoples on the land. Let us journey together in a good way.

2. **Prayer (Pg 7)**

3. **Call the Roll:**

**Trustees:**

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Caputo (Vice-Chair), Ogimaa Brent Bissaillon, John Bruno, Tony D'Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

**Officials:**

Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Christine Durocher, Fil Lettieri, Justin Pino, Franca Spadafora

**Student Trustees:**

Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson

**Regrets:**

Carol Amadio

**Other Reps:**

Darrell Czop (President, O.E.C.T.A.)  
Marnie McDonald (Vice-President, O.E.C.T.A.)  
Corey Gardi (President, C.P.C.O.)  
Crystal Krauter (President, C.U.P.E.)

**OUR MISSION**

***Persons present are invited to indicate how they have seen our Mission lived out recently in our schools and board community.***

**B ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

**Are there any additions/changes/deletions?**

**C DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF****D NEW BUSINESS****E CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.** (Pg 9)  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.
2. **Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.**  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.

**F BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES****G PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Introduction of New Administrators** – Superintendent Chilelli to introduce Hannah Hoffman (Vice-Principal, Holy Name of Jesus School, Hornepayne), Maranda Lethbridge (Principal, St. Basil's School, White River) and Laura Tremblay (Vice-Principal, St. Augustine French Immersion School, Wawa).
2. **Introduction of New Student Trustee** – Director Viotto to introduce Kenzie Garson (Grade 11, St. Mary's College), Student Trustee for 2023-24.
3. **STEAM Summer Camp** – Superintendent Christine Durocher to introduce Lorenzo DiCerbo (STEAM Lead), Carmine DiCerbo (School-Based Math Learning Facilitator), Lisa Tomas (School-Based Math Facilitator), Paula Trainor (Experiential Learning Lead) and Aimee Brunetti (Indigenous Lead).
4. **Expressions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Cultures, Grade 9 Reach Ahead Course** – Superintendent Christine Durocher to introduce Dom Rosso (Principal, Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre), Akeshia Trudeau (NAC10 and NSL Teacher) and Barry Boissoneau (Cultural Resource Worker).

**H COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**I ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

1. **ELECTRONIC POLL (Pg 13)**  
**Carpet Installation at St. Mary's College Auditorium**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the installation of carpet in the St. Mary's College Auditorium to Carpet One Floor & Home.  
**CARRIED**
  
2. **ELECTRONIC POLL (Pg 15)**  
**Garage Construction at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre**  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction of a new garage at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre to Gradinetti Construction.  
**CARRIED**
  
3. **Borrowing Resolution (Pg 17)**  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board authorizes the Chair or Vice-chair and Director of Education and Treasurer to borrow funds from time to time not to exceed \$15 million in aggregate from the Royal Bank of Canada for the 2023/24 school year in accordance with Section 243 of the Education Act, specifically,

That the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of loan agreement or promissory note(s), or overdraft, or banker's acceptance from the Banker of the Board, currently Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate \$10,000,000 to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the board, currently from RBC, or from any other approved lender loan agreement, promissory note(s) or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender.

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The Director of Education and Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all or any sums borrowed plus interest, all of the money collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.

The Treasurer of the Board is authorized and directed to deliver to the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the amount of the estimated current revenues of the Board for the current year not yet received, or, where the estimates for the current year have not been adopted, a statement showing the estimated revenues of the Board as set forth in the estimates adopted for the previous fiscal year and the amount of the revenues of the current year already received and also showing the total of any amounts borrowed under Section 243 of the Education Act in the current year that have not been repaid.

**J INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Reports to the Director of Education / Board of Trustees**
  - a) **Update on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan** – Superintendent Pino (Pg 20)
  - b) **SMC Activity Report** – Student Trustees Middleton and Garson (Pg 23)
2. **Correspondence**
3. **Notes of Thanks**  
Christine Barker, Cheryle Palmer, Mary Polnick and family, Anne-Marie Thibert

**K TEN-MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

- ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

**L UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|--------------|---|---|
| September 21 | - | International Day of Peace                    |
| September 25 | - | Franco-Ontarian Day                           |
| September 26 | - | Canadian Martyrs, Secondary Patrons of Canada |
| September 27 | - | SEAC Meeting                                  |
| September 27 | - | St. Vincent de Paul                           |
| September 29 | - | PA Day / Faith Day                            |
| September 30 | - | National Truth and Reconciliation Day         |
| September 30 | - | Orange Shirt Day                              |
| October 4    | - | St. Francis of Assisi                         |
| October 5    | - | World Teachers’ Day                           |
| October 7    | - | Our Lady of the Rosary                        |
| October 9    | - | Thanksgiving Day                              |
| October 10   | - | World Mental Health Day                       |
| October 18   | - | Next Board Meeting                            |

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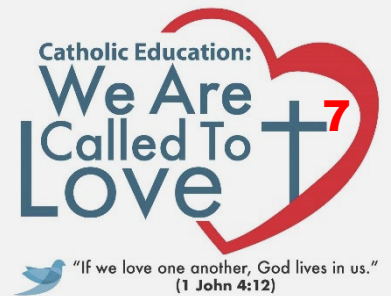
**M CLOSING PRAYER – Trustee Liske**

**N ADJOURNMENT**

## Opening Prayer Service

Gary

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



### Opening Prayer

Gracious and gentle God,  
we are surrounded by the beauty of creation.  
As we move from summer's warmth to the coolness of autumn,  
we are grateful for the trees' multi-coloured leaves.  
These are signs that change is happening all around us.  
May we be willing to accept the changes that lie ahead. Amen

### A reading from the Directory for Catechesis *John C.*

Beauty is always and inseparably steeped with goodness and truth. Therefore, contemplating beauty elicits within us sentiments of joy, pleasure, tenderness, fullness, meaning, thus opening us to the transcendent. The way of evangelization is the *way of beauty*, and therefore every form of beauty is a source of catechesis. [#109]



### Questions for Reflection *Ogimaa Brent*

1. When did you last contemplate beauty in your life?
2. Do you acknowledge God as the creator of all beauty?

### Closing Prayer *John B.*

God of Love and Compassion, we are created in your likeness and you call us to love.  
As people of hope, may we see beyond our struggles.  
As people of faith, inspire us to believe in your intimate presence with us in our world.  
As people of mercy, may we forgive willingly and often.  
As people of justice, help us to find solutions to situations of inequity that bring peace.  
As people of joy, let us celebrate your life within us,  
for as you do, we are called to LOVE. Amen

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





**Huron-Superior Catholic**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## our mission

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.

## our values

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.

## our vision

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.

# Journey Together in Faith and Learning



**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE  
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 @ 7:15 PM  
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

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**PRESENT: Trustees:**

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Caputo (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Bruno, Tony D'Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

**Officials:**

Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Christine Durocher, Fil Lettieri, Justin Pino

**Student Trustees:**

Owen Middleton, Jenna Viotto, Kenzie Garson (incoming 2023-24)

**REGRETS:** Ogimaa Brent Bissaillon

**Vision and Values**

*Trustee Bruno commended Trustee Amadio for providing much needed assistance to a newcomer family, whom she noticed while awaiting her flight back to Sault Ste. Marie. This family was very grateful for her help and were able to travel comfortably together.*

*Superintendent Lettieri highlighted the Parent Involvement Committee's (PIC) STEAM Family Event. Over one hundred students and families attended and participated in hands on activities and presentations. He thanked all PIC members, volunteers and staff who made this event such a success.*

*Superintendent Chilelli took this opportunity to welcome the new Student Trustee for 2023-24, Kenzie Garson, to the board. Kenzie will be providing her introduction to the trustees in the fall. Student Trustees have provided great input to the board and their feedback has been greatly appreciated.*

*Chair Trembinski recognized Jim Fitzpatrick, Communications Officer, on his retirement this June, after 16 years of loyal service to the board. The trustees wished Jim well, along with a wish for a happy, restful retirement.*

**Adg# Res#**

**B-1 B-783 Moved by: J. Bruno**

**Seconded by: T. D'Agostino**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

CARRIED

**C DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

*Trustee MacEachern disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-2 on the agenda for the board meeting of June 14, 2023 and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to this item. Trustee MacEachern recused herself for this portion of the meeting.*

*Trustee Rosilius disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-2 on the agenda for the board meeting of June 14, 2023 and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to this item. Trustee Rosilius recused herself for this portion of the meeting.*

- E-1 B-784 Moved by: C. Amadio                      Seconded by: S. Turco**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of May 17, 2023.  
**CARRIED**
- E-2 B-785 Moved by: L. Liske                      Seconded by: C. MacEachern**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of May 17, 2023.  
**CARRIED**
- G-1 SEAC Recommendations**  
*Melanie Ross (SEAC Committee Member), Theresa Coccimiglio (SEAC Chair) and Rosanne Zagordo (Special Education Coordinator) presented the committee's evidence-based recommendations to the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board with respect to matters that establish, develop, and deliver special education programs and services for students with special needs.*
- H-1 B-786 Moved by: J. Bruno                      Seconded by: S. Turco**  
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of April 26, 2023 be approved.  
**CARRIED**
- H-2 B-787 Moved by: L. Liske                      Seconded by: T. D'Agostino**  
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of May 31, 2023 be approved.  
**CARRIED**
- I-1 B-788 ELECTRONIC POLL**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction contract for the Accommodations Alterations at St. Basil Catholic School to S & T Electrical Contractors Limited.  
**CARRIED**

- I-2 B-789 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: S. Turco**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the 2023-24 Operating Budget as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- I-3 B-790 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of Sixty-five (65) Dell desktops and monitors from Dell Canada at a cost of \$76,531.  
**CARRIED**
- I-4 B-791 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: J. Bruno**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the one-time implementation cost of \$90,000 and the Edsembli ERP solutions annual licensing cost of \$110,000.  
**CARRIED**
- I-5 B-792 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: S. Turco**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 6001 as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- I-6 B-793 Moved by: C. MacEachern Seconded by: L. Liske**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 7013 as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- I-7 B-794 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 7018 as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- I-8 B-795 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: L. Liske**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip application:
1. St. Mary’s College – to travel to the Stratford Festival, Stratford, ON in late September 2023 and returning one day later.  
**CARRIED**
- J-1-a SMC Activity Report**  
*Student trustees Middleton and Viotto highlighted some of the June events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were the year end prayer service, grad mass and Relay for Life. Superintendent Chilelli thanked outgoing Student Trustee Jenna Viotto for her dedication to this position for the past two years and wished her well in her future endeavours.*

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**N-1 B-796 Moved by: C. Amadio                      Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday,  
June 14, 2023, adjourns at 8:34 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



**ELECTRONIC POLL/VOTE**

1. REASON FOR ELECTRONIC POLL: PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED OVER THE SUMMER.
2. **MOTION:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the installation of carpet in the St. Mary’s College Auditorium to Carpet One Floor & Home.
3. VOTE BY TRUSTEES [Please Check (✓) appropriate box]

TRUSTEE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NO RESPONSE
AMADIO, Carol	✓			
BISSAILLION, Brent				✓
BRUNO, John	✓			
CAPUTO, John	✓			
D’AGOSTINO, Tony	✓			
LISKE, Lindsay	✓			
MacEACHERN, Carol	✓			
ROSILIUS, Kathleen				✓
TREMBINSKI, Gary	✓			
TURCO, Sandra	✓			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>2</b>

4. RESOLUTION CARRIED: YES (✓) NO ( )
5. SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Jenny White*
6. DATE: June 29, 2023





# Huron-Superior Catholic

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**Carpet Installation  
At  
St. Mary’s College Auditorium**

June 26, 2023

Submitted by: Steve Brown  
Manager of Plant Services

The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) lists Equitable Stewardship of our Resources as one of its strategic directions. This report relates specifically to utilizing our resources responsibly, justly, responsively, and wisely.

The following quote for the installation of carpet in the St. Mary’s College Auditorium was received by IDEA Inc. on behalf of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (HSCDSB).

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Stipulated Price</u>
Carpet One Floor & Home	\$101,956

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the installation of carpet in the St. Mary’s College Auditorium to Carpet One Floor & Home.



**ELECTRONIC POLL/VOTE**

1. REASON FOR ELECTRONIC POLL: NO BOARD MEETINGS OVER THE SUMMER.
2. **Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction of a new garage at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre to Grandinetti Construction.
3. VOTE BY TRUSTEES [Please Check (✓) appropriate box]

TRUSTEE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NO REPSONSE
AMADIO, Carol	✓			
BISSAILLION, Brent				✓
BRUNO, John	✓			
CAPUTO, John	✓			
D'AGOSTINO, Tony	✓			
LISKE, Lindsay	✓			
MacEACHERN, Carol	✓			
ROSILIUS, Kathleen				✓
TREMBINSKI, Gary	✓			
TURCO, Sandra	✓			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>2</b>

4. RESOLUTION CARRIED: YES (✓) NO ( )
5. SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Jerry Wieth*
6. DATE: June 26, 2023



# Huron-Superior Catholic

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### Garage Construction At St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre

June 21, 2023

Submitted by: Steve Brown  
Manager of Plant Services

The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) lists Equitable Stewardship of our Resources as one of its strategic directions. This report relates specifically to utilizing our resources responsibly, justly, responsively, and wisely.

The following quotes for the construction of a new garage at the St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre were received by the Huron-Superior-Catholic District School Board Plant Department.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Stipulated Price</u>
Grandinetti Construction	\$54,186
Winmar	\$56,582
S & T Group	\$65,922

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction of a new garage at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre to Grandinetti Construction.



# Huron-Superior Catholic

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION BORROWING RESOLUTION

Date:  
September 20 2023

Submitted by:  
Justin Pino  
Superintendent of Business

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The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) lists Equitable Stewardship of our Resources as one of its strategic directions. This report relates specifically to utilizing resources responsibly, justly, responsively, and wisely.

#### **Background and Information**

There are timing differences throughout the year between revenues and expenditures, which may cause the Board to borrow funds on a short-term basis. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the "Act"), a board may by resolution, authorize the Treasurer and the Chair or Vice-Chair to borrow from time to time the sums that the board considers necessary to meet the current expenditures of the board until the current revenue has been received. The amount borrowed shall not exceed the un-received balance of the estimated revenues of the Board, as set out in the estimates adopted for the fiscal year, unless the Board is subject to a financial recovery plan approved by the Minister.

It is estimated that the Board may need to borrow at certain times throughout the year an amount not to exceed \$10 million and would maintain an operating line of credit with the Royal Bank of Canada.

Additionally, the Board has capital projects, which will also have timing differences with payments of invoices and receipt of revenues from the Ministry associated with these projects. It is estimated that these differences will not exceed \$5 million for the year. All capital projects will be completed within Ministry funding. Therefore, the borrowing is temporary in nature to offset timing differences between revenues and expenditures.

#### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of loan agreement or

promissory note(s), or overdraft, or banker's acceptance from the Banker of the Board, currently Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate \$10,000,000 to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the board, currently from RBC, or from any other approved lender loan agreement, promissory note(s) or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender.

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It is recommended that the Director of Education and Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all or any sums borrowed plus interest, all of the money collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.

It is recommended the Director of Education and Treasurer of the Board is authorized and directed to deliver to the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the amount of the estimated current revenues of the Board for the current year not yet received, or, where the estimates for the current year have not been adopted, a statement showing the estimated revenues of the Board as set forth in the estimates adopted for the previous fiscal year and the amount of the revenues of the current year already received and also showing the total of any amounts borrowed under Section 243 of the Education Act in the current year that have not been repaid.

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# Huron-Superior Catholic

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE ON MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Date: September 20, 2023

Submitted by:  
Justin Pino  
Superintendent of Business

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The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) lists Equitable Stewardship of our Resources as one of its strategic directions. This report relates to utilizing our resources responsibly, justly, responsively, and wisely.

#### **Background**

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (HSCDSB) developed a multi-year accessibility plan for the years 2018 – December 2023. Available at <https://www.hscdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Multi-Year-Accessibility-Plan-2018-2023-UPDATED-AUG-2023.pdf>, the plan outlines various steps to be taken to improve the board's accessibility. The plan identifies five main categories of improvements for the board:

- Customer Service
- Employment
- Information and Communications
- Physical / Architectural
- Transportation

The plan outlines how barriers in three of these areas – Customer Service, Information and Communication, and Physical / Architectural – were to be addressed in the 2022-2023 school year. More detail about improvement in these three areas follows.

## **Customer Service**

The board's accessibility plan indicates that during the 2022-23 school year, the board would continue to:

- **Review Status of Accessibility Awareness Training** – The plan indicates that all new staff must be trained in accessibility awareness. The board's Human Resources Department has taken the lead on this initiative and confirmed that all new employees, trustees, and volunteers receive this training in their onboarding package. The online module, available through the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC), must be completed and employees must sign a declaration indicating that they have watched the 30-minute Accessible Customer Service video in its entirety.

For the 2023-24 school year, the board will continue to review the status of accessibility awareness training, to ensure new staff members have been appropriately trained. The board's Human Resources Department will continue to take the lead on this review.

## **Information and Communications**

The board's accessibility plan indicates that during the 2022-23 school year, the board would continue to:

- **Review the Status of the Board's Accessibility Policies and Procedures** – Policy 6005: Accessibility Standards was reviewed to ensure that all facets of it were complete and updated. This policy and its associated procedural guidelines and appendixes were presented to the Policy Committee on September 8, 2021. An updated version of the procedural guidelines and appendixes was posted on the board's website shortly thereafter.
- **Review Capacity of School Libraries** – An appendix was added to Policy 6005: Accessibility Standards related to accessible and/or conversion-ready resources. This appendix, created by the board's Special Education Department, allows teachers from across the board to request access to accessible materials for their students as they are needed. In addition, students have access to a number of other accessible resources, including, but not limited to, audio books, ebooks, and Google Read and Write.
- **Review Accessibility Features of Board and School Websites** – The board updated and migrated its website to a new platform in 2021. Our board and school websites meet WCAG, 2.0, Level AA standards.

The Board's Accessibility Planning Committee meets annually or as required to review progress and evaluate the effectiveness of implementation of barrier-removal and prevention strategies and to plan for increased accessibility throughout the board. For the 2023-24 school year, the board will:

- Review and update the board's multi-year accessibility plan.
- Continue to review the status of accessibility awareness training to ensure new staff have been provided with the training.
- Continue to review the status of the board's accessibility policies and procedures and update as required.
- Continue to review the capacity of school libraries to provide accessible or conversion-ready formats of digital or multimedia resources upon request.
- Continue to review accessibility features of all updates and purchases related to board and school websites, in anticipation of WCAG, 2.0, Level AA standards.

The board's Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications, and Special Education Departments will continue to take the lead on these reviews.

### **Physical / Architectural**

The board's revised accessibility plan indicated that upgrades would be completed at Our Lady of Fatima in Chapleau during the 2022-23 school year. The project went out for tender however the projected costs came in well over budget. As a result, the upgrades at Our Lady of Fatima in Chapleau have been deferred; the project status will be revisited for the 2024-25 construction season. The following upgrades did occur during the summer of 2023 or are planned for the summer of 2024:

**Our Lady of Fatima, Elliot Lake** – The board continued to make improvements to this school during the summer of 2023. The main entrance was upgraded to provide full barrier-free access. This is in addition to the many upgrades that have occurred over the past two years.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Elliot Lake** – The board continued to make improvements to this school during the summer of 2023. The accessibility upgrades include the installation of a wheelchair lift to provide access to the gymnasium area as well as an upgraded main entrance to provide full barrier-free access. This is in addition to the many upgrades that have occurred over the past two years.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Paul, Sault Ste. Marie** – For the 2023-24 school year, accessibility upgrades are planned, which will include the provision of full universal washrooms, signage and wayfinding, tactile indicator strips, door hardware and accessible doorways as required.



# Huron-Superior Catholic

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### Re: St. Mary's College School Activity Report September 2023

September 8, 2023

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#### Faith:

- Dates are being finalized with the office for this year's Prayer Services and Masses. Once again we are hoping to attend Mass 2x in person at St. Gerard Majella. Once, students will be bussed (Advent Masses) and once, students will walk (Catholic Education Week). Additional Masses and Prayer Services will take place in the Auditorium.
- This year there are three Faith Convenors on Student Council (up from 1 the past few years). This is an amazing sign of the importance of faith at SMC. This year's Faith Convenors are Ava Barone, Abel Zachariah and Alieya Vivienne Caseres. They will be assisting with leading prayers each day on the PA. Student Council has also taken ownership of our faith-based bulletin board outside the Chaplaincy Office.
- Miss Parniak has changed up the retreats for this year. Grade 9 and Grade 12 students will attend retreats at St. Kateri. The Gr. 11 experiences with Elders which had been taking place at St. Kateri will now be referred to the Gr. 11 Religion Teachers so that they can schedule this time during their unit on Indigenous Spirituality.
- There will be a revitalized student-led faith group/club at SMC led by Abi Wing, Grace Srigley and Paisley Johnson. Mrs. Innis and Mrs. Jylha have offered to help. The students are hoping to make this service driven where they reach out to the community in service and invite other students to join in. It also helps students earn Community Hours as part of a group of students. This team of students will be selecting the name of the group and other areas, including within the school, where they can be of service.



- Teachers have been encouraged to take ownership of their classes for their classroom prayer tables. The hope is to have every classroom with a living prayer table that is used throughout the year rather than as a static space.

#### Extracurriculars:

- Both Junior and Senior football teams have started practice
- Our first football game of the season is September 9th against Superior Heights
- Junior and Senior girls' basketball teams have been chosen
- Boys volleyball will be starting in mid-September
- Cross-country will be starting soon.

#### Student Council:

- Student Council is excited to host our "Welcome Month" with many fun activities to welcome new and returning students to our school.
- We have planned our first pep rally of the school year to kick off the athletics season

#### Student Senate:

- Applications for Senior and Junior senate went out on September 12th, and are due September 21st.
- We are planning for our first official meeting to be on October 11th, where we will plan some 'Halloween-themed' activities for the elementary school students.