

# HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## *BOARD MEETING AGENDA AND REPORTS*



**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

7:15 p.m.

Board Room

90 Ontario Avenue

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**AGENDA FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE  
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 @ 7:15 PM  
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

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**A CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands –** (Student Trustee Jensen)  
The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board recognizes that the land where we learn, work, and live is the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples who have been its caretakers for millennia. We are inspired by their legacy to care for Mother Earth, cherish the sacredness of creation, and use resources wisely and with gratitude. 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 are committed to listening, learning, and fostering meaningful relationships. We open our hearts to the teachings, knowledge, and stories shared by our Indigenous brothers and sisters.
2. **Prayer** (Pg 8)
3. **Call the Roll:**

**Trustees:**

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

**Officials:**

Fil Lettieri (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Stephanie Circelli, Justin Pino, Franca Spadafora, Syndy Withers

**Student Trustees:**

Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti

**Guests:**

**Regrets:**

**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, February 19, 2025.

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 January 22, 2025.** (Pg 9)  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.
2. **Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of December 11, 2024.**  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of December 11, 2024.
3. **Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.**  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.

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

1. **Introduction of New Administrators** – Superintendent Chilelli to introduce Christy Fosberg (Acting Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion School, Elliot Lake).
2. **Introduction of New Manager of Plant Services** – Director Lettieri to introduce Dave Coccimiglio (Manger of Plant Services).

**H COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **SEAC Meeting Minutes** – December 18, 2024 (Pg 13)
2. **Focus on Faith Meeting Minutes** – January 27, 2025 (Pg 16)

**I ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

1. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws** (Pg 23)  
**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed deletion of article 4 from its by-laws:

At the first meeting which follows a municipal election, the Secretary, having called the meeting to order, shall proceed to read the returns of the election to the Board as certified to him/her by the Municipal Clerks.

2. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 7 of its by-laws:

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is undertaken annually.

3. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed addition of article 15 to its by-laws:

The Regular Meetings of the Board may be preceded by a mass organized by the Secretary of the Board.

4. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 16 of its by-laws:

Notice for every meeting of the Board shall be given by electronic means to each trustee and the public at least forty-eight hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the time of the meeting. Notice will also be posted on the Board website.

5. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed deletion of article 18 from its by-laws:

Until a member of the Board has notified the Secretary in writing of his/her official address, all notices or communications forwarded to the member at his/her address, as set out in his/her nomination paper, shall be deemed to have been received by the member.

6. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 28 of its by-laws:

The following matters shall be dealt with at in-camera meetings:

- a) The security of the property of the Board.
- b) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or Committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his/her parents or guardians.
- c) The acquisition or disposal of a school site.
- d) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board.
- e) Litigation or possible litigation affecting the Board.
- f) An ongoing investigation by the Ontario Ombudsman.

g) Those determined to be private according to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

7. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 29 of its by-laws:

Provision of Electronic Meetings - the Board will hold such meetings in accordance with Section 208.1 of the Education Act, Regulation 313/24 and Regulation 463/97 and Board Policy 2000 Electronic Meetings promulgated thereunder.

8. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 29 a) of its by-laws:

a) At every regular meeting of the Board or of a regular committee of the whole Board, all trustees must be physically present in the meeting room. A trustee may participate in a meeting by electronic means instead of being physically present if the trustee receives written approval from the Chairperson of the Board before the meeting begins. The Chairperson shall not approve a request if the request would result in fewer than one Trustee, in addition to the Chairperson of the Board being physically present in the room.

9. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 29 b) of its by-laws:

b) During the 12-month period beginning November 15th each year, the Chairperson shall be physically present in the meeting room of the Board for at least half of the meetings of the board, whereas all other trustees shall be present in the meeting room of the Board for at least 3 regular meetings. The Secretary of the Board/ designate must be physically present in the meeting room for each meeting of the Board and each meeting of a committee of the Board.

10. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 33 of its by-laws:

The Secretary of the Board shall be responsible for preparing an agenda for each meeting of the Board and distributing it no fewer than three working days before the meeting. A copy of the agenda shall be forwarded to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson one week prior to the meeting. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson, may request a meeting before the final publication of the agenda. Board members wishing to include any item shall forward the item to be received at the Board Office no later than 12:00 noon on the Monday preceding the Board meeting. All reports submitted after the

deadline may be placed on the agenda at the discretion of the Board by a simple majority vote.

11. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 36 of its by-laws:

The order of business for meetings of the Board:

- a) Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer
- b) Adoption of Order of Business;
- c) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof;
- d) New Business
- e) Confirmation of Minutes;
- f) Business Arising from the Minutes;
- g) Presentations;
- h) Committee Reports;
- i) Administrative Reports Requiring Action;
- j) Information Items;
- k) Ten minute question and answer period on agenda items for those in attendance;
- l) Upcoming Events;
- m) Closing Prayer;
- n) Adjournment.

12. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 44 of its by-laws:

“Robert’s Rules of Order, in Brief” shall be provided to all new trustees at their first meeting and, if needed, to each trustee at the beginning of their term of office.

13. **Proposed Change to Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 97 of its by-laws:

A member who willfully discloses information discussed in-camera by the Board will be named and his/her conduct will be subject to Board Policy 2010 Trustee Code of Conduct.

**NOTE:** *Any approved amendments may affect the numbering of articles reflected by the carried motions above.*

14. **School Year Calendar 2025/2026 (Pg 26)**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the School Year Calendar for the 2025/2026 school year, as recommended and outlined in “OPTION 2”.

**15. OCSTA 95<sup>th</sup> AGM and Conference – May 1-3, 2025**

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, John Caputo, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco and Director Lettieri to travel to Toronto to attend the OCSTA 95<sup>th</sup> AGM and Conference on May 1-3, 2025.

**J INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Reports to the Director of Education / Board of Trustees**

a) **SMC Activity Report** – Student Trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziatti  
(Pg 30)

**2. Correspondence**

Canadian Cancer Society (Pg 32)

**3. Notes of Thanks**

Barry Boissoneau

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

- ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

**L UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 20	- World Day of Social Justice
February 21	- International Mother Language Day
February 26	- Pink Shirt Day
February 26	- Next SEAC Meeting
March 3	- World Wildlife Day
March 4	- Shrove Tuesday
March 5	- Ash Wednesday / Lent Begins
March 7	- World Day of Prayer
March 7	- Employees Appreciation Day
March 8	- International Women's Day
March 9	- Daylight Savings Begins
March 10-14	- March Break
March 17	- St. Patrick's Day
March 19	- St. Joseph, Patron of Canada
March 19	- Next Board Meeting

**M CLOSING PRAYER – Trustee D'Agostino****N ADJOURNMENT**





## February Board Meeting Prayer



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### Trustee Caputo

*“Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered,  
“The first is, ‘...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’  
The second is this. ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’”  
(Mark 12:28-31)*

### Trustee Commanda

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

Lord, you teach us that the greatest of the commandments is love. This sounds so simple, and yet it is infinitely challenging. You know that our efforts to love even those with whom we live and work often fall short. We so easily allow pride or fear or envy to cloud the eyes of our soul. Help us to look beyond difference, disagreement, or disapproval to see your face reflected in each person we encounter. Fill us with your loving compassion so that it may overflow to all those we meet, even in the most difficult circumstances.

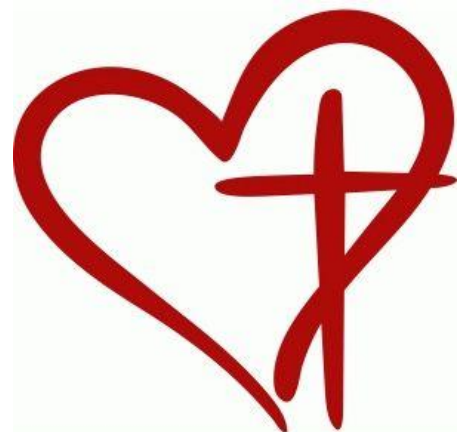
Spirit of Love, open our hearts to embrace all with whom we journey homeward towards you.

Amen.

St. Joseph ... Pray for us.

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

(Prayer from Inviting God: Simple Creative Prayers for Meetings by Krystyna Higgins)





**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE  
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 @ 7:15 PM  
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

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**PRESENT: Trustees:**

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

**Officials:**

Fil Lettieri (Director of Education) (virtual), Joe Chilelli (designate), Stephanie Circelli, Justin Pino (virtual), Franca Spadafora, Syndy Withers

**Student Trustees:**

Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti

**Guests:**

Ida Bruno, Manager of Human Resources  
Brian McKinlay, Manager of Financial Services

**REGRETS:**

**Vision and Values**

*Trustee Caputo thanked Karen Biocchi, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education, for her service to the Board with preparing meetings and the various ways she assists trustees. He expressed his appreciation for her hard work and dedication.*

*Director Lettieri acknowledged that today in our school board is Trustee Appreciation Day. It is a day we recognize the important work of our trustees as they continue to be the champions for Catholic education and play a significant role in school board governance. The Board thanks all trustees for taking on this vocation, and we appreciate all that they do.*

*Superintendent Circelli congratulated the staff and students at St. Mary's College for all their work again this year with the Heaven Cent campaign. This year, they raised over \$17,000 to support local nonprofit organizations that include St. Vincent Place, Algoma Autism Foundation, Thrive Child Development, our Helping Hands and Caring Hearts, and so many more. Their tireless efforts in helping the poor and marginalized in our community does not go unnoticed as they bring hope to those in need.*

*Chair Turco highlighted the Kiwanis Club of Lake Shore's 30<sup>th</sup> annual What Christmas Means to Me essay contest. Ten entries are selected as the winning entries and our students accounted for six of those winners! Each winner received a prize and were able to read their entry on the Weekend Club radio show on Oldies 93. Congratulations to all winners.*

Adg# Mtn#

**B-1 B-941 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: T. D'Agostino**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 22, 2025, with the following amendments:

Move item E-2 to the February 19, 2025, board meeting,  
Add item F-1 – OCSTA Conference Overview

**CARRIED**

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

*Trustee Rosilius disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-1 on the agenda for the board meeting of January 22, 2025 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-942 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: C. Amadio**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of December 11, 2024, with the following amendment: Trustee Rosilius be changed from Absent to Regrets.

**CARRIED**

**E-2 B-943 Moved by: Seconded by:**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of December 11, 2024.

**DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY 19, 2025, MEETING**

**F-1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

*Chair Turco provided an overview of the items covered at the recent OCSTA Trustees Seminar held in Toronto on January 17-18, 2025. She expressed the benefits derived by trustees attending these events and encouraged all to participate in these conferences. Trustees Trembinski and Bruno echoed her sentiments.*

**G-1 Holy Angels Learning Centre**

Dom Rosso (Principal, Holy Angels Learning Centre), Joanne Barton (Continuing Education Assistant), teachers Nicole Chouinard, Rob Calvano and Lidia Doesborgh, along with Emma Bouchard (Graduate Social Services HUB), Riley Greenwood (Graduate) and Ethan Graham (Graduate and HSCDSB employee) spoke to the evolution of HALC. This program is a dynamic and inclusive response to the needs of students who have not thrived in the traditional school environment. Our approach is grounded in the belief that every student has the potential to succeed and sometimes that success requires a different path. Since 2022, HALC had the privilege of having over

150 students successfully graduate with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

**I-1 B-944 Moved by: L. Liske**

**Seconded by: J. Bruno**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the 2024-25 Revised Estimates as presented.

**CARRIED**

**I-2 B-945 Moved by: T. D'Agostino**

**Seconded by: C. Amadio**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board receive the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2024, re: Policy 1000 By-Laws for review to be approved at the next open meeting of February 19, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**I-3 B-946 Moved by: L. Liske**

**Seconded by: K. Rosilius**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

1. St. Mary's College – travelling to Toronto, ON on February 24, 2025, and returning February 27, 2025.
2. St. Mary's College – travelling to Saint-Anne-des-Monts, QC on May 4, 2025, and returning May 11, 2025.
3. St. Mary's College – travelling to Toronto, ON on May 4, 2025, and returning May 7, 2025.
4. St. Mary's College – travelling to Gibsons, BC on May 20, 2025, and returning on May 26, 2025.
5. St. Augustine French Immersion School – travelling to Mississauga and Sudbury on May 26, 2025, and returning May 30, 2025.
6. St. Mary Catholic School (Massey) – travelling to Toronto on June 16, 2025, and returning June 18, 2025.
7. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School (Elliot Lake) – travelling to John Island Camp on June 18, 2025, and returning on June 20, 2025.
8. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School (Elliot Lake) – travelling to Toronto on June 18, 2025, and returning on June 20, 2025.
9. Holy Family Catholic School – travelling to Toronto on June 18, 2025, and returning June 20, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**J-1-a SMC Activity Report**

*Student Trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziotti highlighted some of the December events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous Student Union (ISU) and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were the Grade 12 Retreat, "Pause, Pray and Pass" during exam week, Student Council's second annual winter formal and the "Stuff a Bus" event.*

**N-1 B-947 Moved by: G. Trembinski**

**Seconded by: K. Commanda**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, January 22, 2025, adjourns at 8:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Chairperson:**

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**Secretary:**

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
S.E.A.C.  
Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday December 18, 2024 Meeting and Dinner

**Location:** Board Room

**Time:** 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Google Meet:** <https://meet.google.com/rvs-xtrm-jdz>


**Attendance:** Kasia Ceglarz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Jared Lambert, Jacques Ribout, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Franca Spadafora, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

**Student Trustees and Guests:**

**Regrets:** John Caputo, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Rachelle Lambert, Alexander Oraziatti

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	<a href="#">Catholicity - HSCDSB</a> <a href="#">Land Acknowledgement</a>	Franca Spadafora	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -November 27, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from November 17, 2024 were accepted.</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski Jacques Ribout	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The December agenda was accepted.</li> </ul>	Tiana Rushon Theresa Coccimiglio	
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC Student Trustees</li> </ul>			
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geneva Centre - information was sent to school boards indicating allocation to enroll in ministry funded courses</li> <li>Boards were asked to advertise training to educators who work with students with ASD and any educators / education support staff interested in ASD/ABA training</li> <li>The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario continues to receive funding from the Ministry of Ed. to develop online resources for educators to support students with learning disabilities and students who need additional support with reading.</li> <li>Resources are available for free to all educators, and include learning modules, reading tools, webinars, videos , and evidence based practices.</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MASCE UPDATES</li> <li>Board responses to SEAC recommendations</li> <li>SEAC elections for Chair/Vice Chair</li> <li>SMC meeting in January</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MACSE updates will be deferred to January</li> <li>The Board responses to SEAC were reviewed.</li> <li>Irma DiRenzo has been acclaimed the Chair of the SEAC and Gary has been acclaimed as the Vice Chair.</li> <li>The letter to LDSB was written and will be sent out on behalf of our SEAC</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	January
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE ( Name required) (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	

c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business as usual at the agency</li> <li>• AFS is also running Preventure through Rebound North</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Kasia Ceglarz	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsoring the Together we are Better campaign is running again. More information to follow in January</li> <li>• CLA had a Risk assessment and Audit and staff has been busily working to fulfill this requirement.</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Melanie Ross	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discretionary spending</li> <li>• Video from SFFI for COCSTA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•  Falcons of Hope</li> <li>• SFFI video was shared with members.</li> <li>• Boards are asked to review their discretionary spending.</li> </ul>	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout Theresa Coccimiglio	
11.	NOTES			

**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 29, 2025**

**Location:** St. Mary's College

**Time:** 1:30 pm





**Huron-Superior Catholic**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**FOCUS ON FAITH COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA and MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 27, 2025**

Board Room (Formerly Meeting Room 6)  
Microsoft Teams Meeting Available  
**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

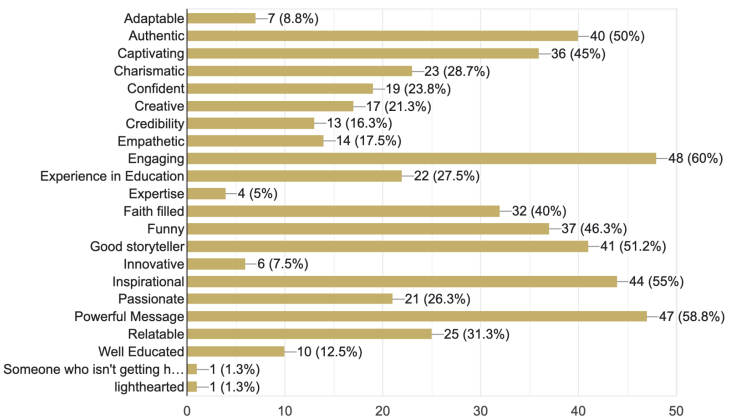
**ATTENDANCE:** Irma DiRenzo, Danielle Dupuis, Kenzie Garson, Fil Lettieri, Carol MacEachern. Laurie MacEachern, Stephanie Parniak, Father Alex Saurianthadathil, Amy Tolin

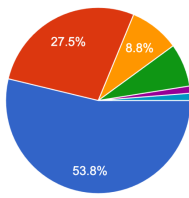
**REGRETS:** Bishop Tom, Renee Frolick, Mya Jenson, Miranda Lambruschini, Jared Lambert, Mario Rocchetta, Kathleen Rosillius (Trustee Alternate)

**Chair:** Stephanie Parniak

**Minutes:**

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	Prayer	Together we will pray <a href="#">The Jubilee Prayer</a>	Stephanie P	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	Welcome to this year's Trustee representatives Carol MacEachern and Kathleen Rosillius (alternate).	Stephanie	
3.	Review of Minutes from September 2023 Meeting	The meeting in September was used to assist with preparations for Faith Day so there are no minutes to review.	Stephanie	

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4.	Faith Day 2024 Recap and Planning for 2025	<p>Cadmus Delorme was well received by staff as a guest speaker. The day seemed to run smoothly. Staff enjoyed being able to select their own session for the afternoon. Thank you to all those who helped in a variety of ways.</p> <p>In preparation for Faith Day 2025 Stephanie P sent out a survey to staff to get a sense of what their interests and needs are. 80 staff members responded including teachers, EAs, ECEs, clerical.</p> <p>Just a few insights:</p> <p>What qualities do you see as important in a Faith Day Keynote Speaker?</p> <p>80 responses</p>  <table><thead><tr><th>Quality</th><th>Count</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Adaptable</td><td>7</td><td>8.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Authentic</td><td>40</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>Captivating</td><td>36</td><td>45%</td></tr><tr><td>Charismatic</td><td>23</td><td>28.7%</td></tr><tr><td>Confident</td><td>19</td><td>23.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Creative</td><td>17</td><td>21.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Credibility</td><td>13</td><td>16.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Empathetic</td><td>14</td><td>17.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Engaging</td><td>48</td><td>60%</td></tr><tr><td>Experience in Education</td><td>22</td><td>27.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Expertise</td><td>4</td><td>5%</td></tr><tr><td>Faith filled</td><td>32</td><td>40%</td></tr><tr><td>Funny</td><td>37</td><td>46.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Good storyteller</td><td>41</td><td>51.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Innovative</td><td>6</td><td>7.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Inspirational</td><td>44</td><td>55%</td></tr><tr><td>Passionate</td><td>21</td><td>26.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Powerful Message</td><td>47</td><td>58.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Relatable</td><td>25</td><td>31.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Well Educated</td><td>10</td><td>12.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Someone who isn't getting h...</td><td>1</td><td>1.3%</td></tr><tr><td>lighthearted</td><td>1</td><td>1.3%</td></tr></tbody></table>	Quality	Count	Percentage	Adaptable	7	8.8%	Authentic	40	50%	Captivating	36	45%	Charismatic	23	28.7%	Confident	19	23.8%	Creative	17	21.3%	Credibility	13	16.3%	Empathetic	14	17.5%	Engaging	48	60%	Experience in Education	22	27.5%	Expertise	4	5%	Faith filled	32	40%	Funny	37	46.3%	Good storyteller	41	51.2%	Innovative	6	7.5%	Inspirational	44	55%	Passionate	21	26.3%	Powerful Message	47	58.8%	Relatable	25	31.3%	Well Educated	10	12.5%	Someone who isn't getting h...	1	1.3%	lighthearted	1	1.3%	Stephanie	
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		<p>Would we consider having a dinner after the day's activities where staff would purchase tickets? For example a dinner at Grand Gardens or an evening social. We need to consider the inclusion of our colleagues in the District.</p>		
5.	Religion and Family Life Curriculum Updates	<p><b>Religious Education:</b> It is already time to renew our licences for Growing in Faith Growing in Christ grades 1-6. These renewals are due in August.</p> <p>A grade 9 program, also called Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ will be ready for September.</p> <p>Stephanie presented to SEAC to share the many opportunities for inclusion that are embedded in our Religious Education resources. We continue to explore resources to support all students.</p> <p><b>Family Life:</b> The new Family Life Curriculum is being implemented this year. Blessed and Beloved, is the name of the new textbook series. Gr. 1 books are already in schools. Grades 2 &amp; 3 will be ready for September 2025, Grades 4-6 for 2026 and the 7 &amp; 8 and the following year. Concordance charts were created by a team of educators last Spring to guide teachers with the alignment of the new curriculum and the Fully Alive resource they currently have. In some cases topics/activities are removed in part or in their entirety. Gap lessons were created for grades 6-8, for some topics where there were significant differences between the curriculums and Fully Alive.</p> <p>Work is going to be done to ensure that resources</p>	Stephanie	

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		<p>brought into our schools align with our Catholic Faith.</p> <p>Unused Fully Alive resources are to be returned to Stephanie at MSJCEC.</p>		
6.	Jubilee 2025	<p><a href="#">Bishop Thomas Dowd's Pastoral Letter</a>  <a href="#">CCCB Jubilee Resources</a>  <a href="#">Vatican Jubilee Site</a></p> <p>I have been sending teachers resources from the above links with a theme each week/every 2 weeks.</p> <p>We received bookmarks with the Jubilee Prayer for all staff and students which we are in the process of distributing.</p>	Stephanie	
7.	Staff Faith Formation Update	<p>Principals and VPs are working through the book 8 Steps to Energize Your Faith. The time spent in small faith formation groups seems to have been fruitful. I have been told that they enjoy spending time in community. The hope is that admin, after being engaged in small faith group sharing, will consider offering similar experiences in their schools.</p> <p>I will start a 4 part book study of "When You Teach in a Catholic School" by Judith Dunlop at the end of February/early March. This resource can support educators at all levels and will be offered as an evening group online so all can participate from the comfort of their home. It is just a small book (63 pages) that will be provided to those who sign up.</p>	Stephanie	

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8.	CEW 2025 Updates	<p>The book lists have arrived. I am waiting on pricing from the various vendors and then will reach out to schools to see who wishes to purchase sets.</p> <p>More updates to come at our April meeting.</p>	Stephanie	May
9.	Home, School and Parish Connections	<p>Catholic ABCs colouring books have been ordered for our Welcome to Kindergarten kits.</p> <p>Stephanie has connected with parishes to send out copies of "We Are Catholic" to share with newly baptized children.</p> <p>Stephanie is working with Holy Family School to prepare students and staff for active participation in the Mass. There is a multi lesson approach with topics including vestments, vessels, and liturgical items; Introductory Rites; Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy of the Eucharist; and what we are commissioned to do following the Mass.</p> <p>The hope is to have schools work on the responses prior to attending masses as it is often quiet.</p>		
10.	Student Trustee Update	<p>Weekly Advent liturgies in December.</p> <p>Celebration of Giving</p> <p>Faith Ambassadors leading prayer on the PA daily.</p> <p>Gr. 12 retreats took place at MSJCEC</p> <p>Pause Pray Pass is back at SMC</p>	Kenzie, Mya, Alexander	
11.	Deanery Update and Sacrament Updates	<p>Sacraments for students who missed the opportunity during COVID:</p> <p>Fr. Alex worked with 4 schools on this</p> <p>This takes lots of cooperation from the teachers as well</p> <p>Why do we do this when they don't attend mass in the parish?</p>	Fr. Alex	

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		<p>While we may not see the fruit now, we may be planting seeds for the future.</p> <p>Sacramental preparation will not be returning to the schools. Historically schools were filled with students who were catholic. There are also challenges in supporting students who attend Public schools. Having prep in the parish makes it accessible to all.</p> <p>There are always opportunities to return to the parish. Faith is a relationship - we need to put effort into it.</p>		
12	New Business	Amy is the chair of the OECTA Catholic Education Curriculum Committee where teachers are asked to share/showcase teachers in Catholic Education. Student faces are not to be included for safety. This will be launched next week.	Stephanie	
13	2024-2025 Meeting Dates	April 7, June 23	Stephanie	





### Procedure By-Law Proposed Amendments

Prev Art. #	Current Wording	New Art.#	Revised Wording
4	At the first meeting which follows a municipal election, the Secretary, having called the meeting to order, shall proceed to read the returns of the election to the Board as certified to him/her by the Municipal Clerks.		Delete
7	The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is undertaken annually, with possible re-election for a second year. The re-election for another term of office in these respective positions may only be consecutive to any previous two-year term if no other trustee is duly nominated and has accepted such a nomination for these positions.	7	The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is undertaken annually.
	None	15	The Regular Meetings of the Board may be preceded by a mass organized by the Secretary of the Board.
16	Notice for every meeting of the Board shall be given by delivery or by electronic means to each trustee at least forty-eight hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the time of the meeting.	16	Notice for every meeting of the Board shall be given by electronic means to each trustee and the public at least forty-eight hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the time of the meeting. Notice will also be posted on the Board website.
18	Until a member of the Board has notified the Secretary in writing of his/her official address, all notices or communications forwarded to the member at his/her address, as set out in his/her nomination paper, shall be deemed to have been received by the member.		Delete
28	The following matters shall be dealt with at in-camera meetings: a) The security of the Board. b) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or Committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his/her parents or guardians. c) The acquisition or disposal of a school site. d) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board. e) Litigation or possible litigation affecting the Board. f) Those determined to be private according to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.	27	The following matters shall be dealt with at in-camera meetings: a) The security of the property of the Board. b) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or Committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his/her parents or guardians. c) The acquisition or disposal of a school site. d) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board. e) Litigation or possible litigation affecting the Board. f) An ongoing investigation by the Ontario Ombudsman.  g) Those determined to be private according to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
29	Electronic Meetings - when it is deemed necessary to hold a meeting of the Board by use of electronic means, the Board will hold such meeting in accordance with Section 208.1 of the Education Quality Improvement Act, 1997 and Regulation 463/97 promulgated thereunder.	28	Provision of Electronic Meetings - the Board will hold such meetings in accordance with Section 208.1 of the Education Act, Regulation 313/24 and Regulation 463/97 and Board Policy 2000 Electronic Meetings promulgated thereunder.



### Procedure By-Law Proposed Amendments

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29 b)	At every meeting of a committee of the Board, except a committee of the whole Board, the following persons shall be physically present in the meeting room of the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✧ The Chairperson of the committee or his or her designate.</li> <li>✧ The Director of Education of the Board or his or her designate.</li> </ul>	28 b)	During the 12-month period beginning November 15th each year, the Chairperson shall be physically present in the meeting room of the Board for at least half of the meetings of the board, whereas all other trustees shall be present in the meeting room of the Board for at least 3 regular meetings. The Secretary of the Board/ designate must be physically present in the meeting room for each meeting of the Board and each meeting of a committee of the Board.
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**Procedure By-Law Proposed Amendments**

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97	A member who wilfully discloses information discussed in-camera by the Board will be named and his/her conduct will be subject to the judgement of the Board. Such member will be given an opportunity to explain his/her conduct or apologize to the Board. However, if such member remains adamant in his/her position, a motion will be considered that the named member be suspended from one or several in-camera meetings of the Board. Such motion must be decided forthwith.	97	A member who willfully discloses information discussed in-camera by the Board will be named and his/her conduct will be subject to Board Policy 2010 Trustee Code of Conduct.



**REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR**

**Re: School Year Calendar 2025/2026**

Submitted by: Fil Lettieri  
Director of Education  
February 19, 2025

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**Background**

Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days require that each school board prepare, adopt and submit to the Regional Manager of the Ministry of Education on or before the first day of March, the School Year Calendar to be followed in its jurisdiction for the following year.

**Information**

A consultative process that provided an opportunity for all board employees, school communities, parents and trustees to provide feedback on the proposed calendar was completed. A total of 303 surveys with comments and suggestions were received as part of the consultation.

The board also followed a collaborative process with the other District School Boards with whom we need to co-ordinate calendars. Using the feedback from the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board consultation, the board administration worked through a consensus exercise to come up with a common calendar for board approval.

As per Regulation 304, the proposed calendar for 2025/2026 includes a 194-day school year comprised of 187 instructional days and 7 professional activity days. For the secondary level, exam days are also noted on the calendar. This year, after the consultation with our community, and additional feedback received, we are recommending "OPTION 2" which is included as a part of this report. This is based on 200 votes in favour of OPTION 2 versus 103 votes in favour of OPTION 1.

The first day of class would be Wednesday September 3, 2025.

Professional Activity Days would be scheduled for:

- Tuesday September 2, 2025 (Provincial Education Priorities)
- Friday September 26, 2025 (Faith Day)
- Friday November 7, 2025 (Provincial Education Priorities)
- Friday January 30, 2026 (Assessment)
- Friday March 6, 2026 (Provincial Education Priorities)
- Friday, April 17, 2026 (Provincial Education Priorities)
- Friday June 5, 2026 (Assessment).

**Motion:** That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the School Year Calendar for the 2025/2026 school year, as recommended and outlined in "OPTION 2".

**Legend** ▶ **H** - Statutory Holiday

**E** - Scheduled Examination Day

**P** - Professional Activity Day

**B** - Board Designated Holiday

☒ Half Day

**OPTION 1**

Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1 <sup>st</sup> Week					2 <sup>nd</sup> Week					3 <sup>rd</sup> Week					4 <sup>th</sup> Week					5 <sup>th</sup> Week				
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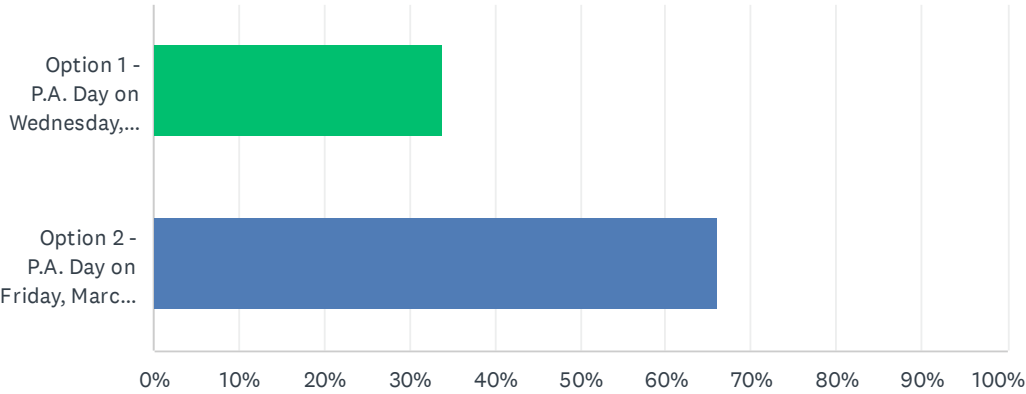
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**OPTION 2**

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# Q1 Do you prefer Option 1 or Option 2?

Answered: 303    Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1 - P.A. Day on Wednesday, September 3, 2025	33.99%	103
Option 2 - P.A. Day on Friday, March 6, 2026	66.01%	200
Total Respondents: 303		





# Huron-Superior Catholic

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### St. Mary's College School Activity Report February 2025

February 19, 2025

*Submitted by:*  
*Kenzie Garson*  
*Alexander Oraziotti*  
*Mya Jensen*  
*Student Trustees*  
*St. Mary's College*

#### **Faith:**

- The Chaplaincy office has been overhauled at SMC, creating an increased focus on providing welcoming, comfortable seating areas for students
- Since this “renovation,” many staff have commented on how much more the space is being utilized by students as they dialogue and/or work on various projects with Mr. Rocchetta
- Throughout February, the new grade 9 religion classes for semester 2 will be visited by Mr. Rocchetta and will discuss their community hours so far and any new opportunities for hours

#### **Extracurricular Activities:**

- Junior Boys Basketball finished 6-3 (2nd place). We host Superior Heights in the semifinals on February 11
- Senior Boys Basketball finished 2-7 (4th place). They travel to Korah for the semifinals on February 11
- Girls curling finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and they play in the quarterfinals on February 13
- Boys curling finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and they play in the quarterfinals on February 25
- Boys Hockey finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and they start the playoffs next week
- Girls Hockey is winless as they wrap up their season this week
- Junior Girls Volleyball finished undefeated and in 1<sup>st</sup> place (LEAGUE CHAMPIONS). They have their Playoff Final Four on February 13

- Senior Girls Volleyball finished with 1 loss and in 1<sup>st</sup> place (LEAGUE CHAMPIONS). They have their Playoff Final Four on February 13
- The Wrestling City Championships are at SMC on February 12
- Badminton tryouts started this week
- Soccer and Track tryouts start after the March Break

#### **SMC Student Council:**

- On January 31 from 6:30 PM-10:00 PM, Student Council held our second annual winter formal themed "A Knight Under The Stars"
- Over 100 grade 11 and 12 students attended and enjoyed a full meal catered by Grand Gardens, a cake donated by Rome's, and participated in a variety of games throughout the night
- Elianna Brohart, a grade 12 student at SMC graciously donated her time to take the photos for the event
- Tickets were sold for \$40 each with all proceeds being put towards our annual Relay for Life event
- A total of \$1000 was raised

#### **Indigenous Student Union:**

- On February 3rd-February 7th, members of the Indigenous Student Union attended the 2025 Indigenous Land Symposium at the Delta Hotel
- At this event, we were introduced to key speakers including Joe Jones, Caroline Recollet, Isabelle Meawasigne, and more who discussed Indigenous matters, rights, and experiences as well as what we can do to support these items
- On February 14th, an all-day Valentine's Day party was hosted and attended by the Indigenous Student Union in the Culture Room where various activities like Bingo were enjoyed along with prizes students could win

#### **Student Senate:**

- Members of Student Senate designed and created Valentine's Day cards at our latest meeting on February 3
- These cards were copied with messages written inside
- All of the cards will be donated to Sault Area Hospital and given to patients on Valentine's Day
- The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled for March 4



**Canadian  
Cancer  
Society**

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Fil Lettieri  
Director of Education  
Huron Superior Catholic District School Board  
100 Ontario Avenue  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6B 1E3

Dear Fil,

Thank you for supporting the Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life. Relay is a movement that ignites within the walls of schools nationwide - a movement that inspires students to unite and create change.

The commitment from Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and students at St. Mary's College, who organized one Relay For Life Youth event in 2024, raised an incredible \$45,776.

These events have become a source of hope for people with cancer and their loved ones, while at the same time providing students an opportunity to learn about philanthropy and the power of helping others.

We are all touched by cancer in some way. With nearly half of Canadians expected to receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, the Canadian Cancer Society is committed to improving the cancer experience by helping people live longer and enhancing their quality of life. The dedication shown by the schools within your school board, by hosting a Relay For Life event is inspiring; you have become a source of hope for people with cancer and their loved ones. For this, we are immensely grateful.

Nothing big can be solved by one person or one organization. To take on cancer, it takes every one of us, it takes a society. Together, we can transform the future of cancer forever.

We look forward to another year of Relay For Life Youth events and continuing to build an impactful relationship with the schools in your school board. We truly cannot thank you, and your school board, enough for supporting the Relay For Life Youth program!

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Matt O'Brien

Director, Signature Programs