



THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**2012-13 DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**  
Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education



CATHOLICITY

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Dufferin-Peel  
Catholic District  
School Board

# DUFFERIN-PEEL - A STORY OF SUCCESS



Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel is a story of success, illustrated by positive and ever increasing EQAO results, high levels of student achievement, multiple program and extracurricular opportunities for students, safe, caring and inclusive learning and teaching environments and prudent fiscal management, all framed within the context of our Catholic faith. I invite you to review some of the activities and accomplishments of this board from 2012-13 as outlined in this document. Much more information can be found on our website at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.B. Kostoff', written in a cursive style.

John B. Kostoff  
Director of Education

## MISSION

The mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social, and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

## PROFILE

- one of the largest and most diverse school boards in Ontario
- 149 schools
- 83,578 students
- 47,000 Adult/Continuing Education learners
- 10,000 employees
- \$921.6 million budget

## 2013-14 BUDGET

Dufferin-Peel's budget for 2013-14 is \$921.6 million (includes operating and capital). In developing the budget for 2013-14, the priorities of quality Catholic education, student achievement, accountability and transparency have been paramount in all discussions. All decisions align with the Board's Strategic Plan and System Direction. The budget is also aligned with the Ministry of Education's objectives of improving and closing the gap in student achievement, as well as ensuring public confidence in our school board.

## BOARD UPDATE

**2 new elementary schools** opened in Brampton in September 2013: St. Andre Bessette and St. Jean-Marie Vianney.



Celebrated and nourished the distinctive **Catholic nature** of our schools.



**St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre** opened in September 2013.



**Full-Day Kindergarten** offered at 80 schools in 2013-14, expanding to all 123 elementary schools in 2014-15.



Results from the 2012-13 **EQAO and OSSLT** results show Dufferin-Peel students continue to outperform the province in virtually all assessment areas.



New **Specialist High Skills Majors** programs at John Cabot C.S.S. (Business) and St. Augustine S.S. (Construction and Transportation).



Completion of five-year **Strategic Plan.**



The board received approval to go ahead with **\$12.3M in capital projects.**



Continued expansion of **French Immersion** Programs.



Launched a new **board website** with a fresh look, updated content and user-friendly navigation.



# 2012-13 HIGHLIGHTS

## MEETING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

### CATHOLICITY

#### We are called to affirm our Catholic Faith in word and action

- Dufferin-Peel Religious Education and Faith Formation staff played a major role in developing the “Make the Call” Vocations Program.
- Dufferin-Peel students and staff celebrated the Year of Faith with various events and celebrations including the release of a series of student-designed posters to all schools and board facilities.
- Celebrated the “Day of Amazing Grace” with a board-wide student liturgy with Cardinal Thomas Collins.
- Celebrated Catholic Education Week with events and activities across the board and in every school.
- Students and staff supported ShareLife and United Way of Peel through fundraising campaigns to support local community service agencies.
- Provided ongoing awareness and support of various local and global charitable causes.

### LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

#### We champion the development of the whole child through a caring and inclusive environment.

- Approved the creation of the St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre in Port Credit for elementary students.
- Achieved positive results in EQAO and OSSLT assessments, indicating that strategies and system commitment to student well-being and achievement are working.
- Released report and plan, *Forming our Catholic Vision for Learning in the 21st Century*, which will guide us as we prepare our students to develop appropriate 21st century skills, competencies and dispositions with a Catholic perspective.
- Promoted bullying awareness and prevention throughout the year, highlighted during Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week with school events and activities, including the development of student-produced anti-bullying posters and videos. Also provided Innovation Grants to schools encouraging locally developed related initiatives.

# 2012-13 EQAO RESULTS

Our students continue to exceed provincial averages in EQAO and Ontario Literacy Test results.



Grade 3 and 6 Reading, Writing and Mathematics **between 1% and 4% higher** than the provincial average

OSSLT and Grade 9 Mathematics **between 4% and 14% higher** than the provincial average

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

	Province	DPCDSB	
Primary Reading	68%	71%	+3%
Primary Writing	77%	80%	+3%
Primary Mathematics	67%	68%	+1%

	Province	DPCDSB	
Junior Reading	77%	79%	+2%
Junior Writing	76%	80%	+4%
Junior Mathematics	57%	59%	+2%

	Province	DPCDSB	
Grade 9 Academic Math	84%	89%	+5%
Grade 9 Applied Math	44%	56%	+12%

	Province	DPCDSB	
Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)	82%	86%	+4%

## TECHNOLOGY IN OUR SCHOOLS



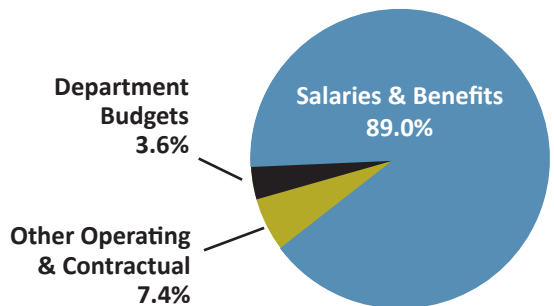
## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

We are committed to a clean, healthy and safe school environment that enhances student learning.

- Opened two new Brampton schools, St. Andre Bessette Catholic Elementary School and St. Jean-Marie Vianney Catholic Elementary School.
- Approved a multi-year strategy regarding accumulated surplus.
- Approved Purchase and Sale Agreements for future elementary school sites in Mississauga and Brampton.
- Initiated additions, renovations and improvements at 27 schools in preparation for the implementation of Year 4 of the Full-Day Kindergarten program.
- Secured approval from the Ministry of Education to invest in the Board's capital priorities projects.
- Opened St. James Global Catholic Learning Centre in September 2013.

## 2012-13 BUDGET

**Operating Expenditures**  
**\$840,644,332**



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**We value involvement of community partnerships in the life of the school.**

- Provided ongoing parent engagement opportunities through Catholic School Councils, Special Education Advisory Committee, Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants, etc.
- Committed funds for the development of, and initiated, a new board website and marketing strategy.
- Issued community newsletter on board activities and accomplishments over the past year.
- Enhanced community communication through increased use of social media, eCommunity news and information subscription service, broadcast of upcoming board and school-based events and issues, and posting of media releases and advisories.

## PARISH | HOME | SCHOOL

**We believe that a strong partnership between Parish, Home and School is based on mutual respect rooted in our Catholic Faith.**

- Created a handbook for Parent Involvement committees.
- Co-promoted school and parish relationships as part of Catholic Education Week 2013.
- Shared student-designed Year of Faith posters with parishes.
- Distributed annual Board-Parish Connection newsletter to all parish clergy.
- Held annual parish-school symposium and zone meeting.

### SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION



#### **Are you registered as a Separate School Supporter on your tax designation?**

The fact is that, unless the municipality is notified, the school support designation, for assessment purposes, automatically defaults to public school support when an individual or family moves to a new address. This may have an impact on students' eligibility to attend Catholic elementary schools, trustee representation on school boards, and on government perception of support for Catholic education.

**For more information, call 905-890-0708 ext. 24512.**

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Mario Pascucci (Chair)**  
Mississauga Wards 1 & 3



**Sharon Hobin**  
Mississauga Wards 2 & 8



**Anna Abbruscato**  
Mississauga Ward 4



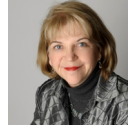
**Thomas Thomas**  
Mississauga Ward 5



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Mississauga Ward 7



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**Scott McLaughlin**  
Brampton Wards 7-10



**Frank Di Cosola**  
Caledon/Dufferin

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT

John B. Kostoff - Director of Education  
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Clara Pitoscia - Superintendent of Employee Relations  
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Shirley Kendrick - Superintendent of Special Education and Support Services  
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### **Family of Schools**

Les Storey - Superintendent – Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton  
Sue Steer - Superintendent – Brampton West  
Max Vecchiarino - Superintendent – Brampton North East  
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Tilia Cruz - Superintendent – Mississauga North  
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