

### 2019-2020: A Most Unusual School Year

The 2019-2020 school year, arguably the most unusual school year in our collective memory, has come to an end. From job action in the early part of the year, to the overarching impact of COVID-19, not only on our education system, but on all aspects of our lives, to widespread discussion and a call to action to address anti-Black racism systemically and societally, there has been much to consider. As students growing up in this time, the events of today will have a profound influence on values, practices and perhaps even future careers.

As trustees, we want to express our gratitude to our parents and guardians for your patience, flexibility and feedback as we journeyed, and continue to journey towards the next phase of Continuity of Catholic Learning. We don't know what September will look like, and like all school boards, we are in the process of planning for multiple scenarios. The Ministry has indicated to us that we will not be advised which approach we will take until mid-August so there remains a degree of uncertainty. Rest assured, however, that we will be communicating with you throughout the summer to keep you apprised of re-opening plans, as well as other matters as they arise.

On that point, we want to encourage you to reach out to us, as your trustees, at any point during the summer if you have any questions or concerns about any matter related to your child's education. Our individual contact information is included in this newsletter and on the [DPCDSB website](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

Additionally, DPCDSB staff post a wide range of materials on the [DPCDSB website](#) and we encourage you to visit regularly for updated information. Consider following DP-CDSB on the school board's social media platforms, Twitter (@DPCDSBSchools), Facebook (@DPCDSBSchools) and Instagram (dpcdsb.schools). Additionally, many trustees have active social media accounts and we invite you to follow us as well.

To those families whose children are graduating, or who are relocating to other regions, we wish you God's good graces and all the best. To those who are returning in September, we look forward to seeing you again, in whatever form that may take. To all parents and guardians, thank you for being Catholic education supporters. In these extraordinary times, we feel that the Catholic education your children are receiving at DPCDSB schools will provide them with the tools they require to lead extraordinary lives.

In closing, we remember in our thoughts and prayers, those members of our DPCDSB community who lost their lives, or who have lost loved ones over the past year. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

May God continue to bless you and your family and keep you safe and well.

Your DPCDSB Trustees

#### Board of Trustees

**Sharon Hobin (Chair)**  
Mississauga Wards 2 & 8

**Thomas Thomas (Vice Chair)**  
Mississauga Ward 5

**Brea Corbet**  
Mississauga Wards 9 & 10

**Anna da Silva**  
Brampton Wards 1,3 & 4

**Luz del Rosario**  
Mississauga Wards 6 & 11

**Frank Di Cosola**  
Caledon/Dufferin

**Darryl D'Souza**  
Brampton Wards 2,5 & 6

**Bruno Iannicca**  
Mississauga Ward 7

**Mario Pascucci**  
Mississauga Wards 1 & 3

**Stefano Pascucci**  
Mississauga Ward 4

**Shawn Xaviour**  
Brampton Wards 7-10

**Sheanne Jesudhason**  
Student Trustee

**Dufferin-Peel Catholic  
District School Board**  
40 Matheson Boulevard West  
Mississauga, ON L5R 1C5  
905-890-1221  
[dpcdsb.org](http://dpcdsb.org)

## Highlights from 2019-2020

### School Closures/Reopening Updates

The DPCDSB continues to take direction on public health matters, including COVID-19, from our regional public health authorities, Peel Public Health and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, as well as the Ministry of Health and Health Canada. We are also continuing to work closely with the Ministry of Education to plan for the reopening of schools when it is deemed safe to do so.

Throughout the summer we will continue to post and relay information we receive from them to our school communities and also provide direct links to these authorities on our [Coronavirus Information webpage](#) to ensure that you are kept apprised of any developments that impact our schools and operations.

Through our Communications & Community Relations Department, we have been communicating with you through regular Community Information Bulletins sent through the SchoolMessenger system. If you are not receiving our SchoolMessenger emails, please [contact your school](#) directly to request to be added to the distribution list.

We have also been sharing information through our social media channels. Follow us on Twitter @DPCDSBSchools, Facebook @DPCDSBSchools and Instagram @dpcdsb.schools.

### 2020-2021 Budget

The start of the 2020 year has been a challenge for education across the province. COVID-19 and the major health risks associated, led to the unprecedented closure of schools and administrative buildings across the province. The government has been monitoring all aspects of the situation, however this has also resulted in a delay in the release of the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and associated technical paper for the 2020-2021 year. The message from the Ministry of Education has been consistent in that funding would remain stable and would include the required funding committed for centrally negotiated collective agreement contracts with all employee groups. The budget development process has continued throughout this period in a modified way. Many opportunities have been provided for public input from parents/guardians and other community stakeholders through online and written submission processes. A recorded presentation was posted to the [DPCDSB website](#) and stakeholders were invited to answer a short survey. All public input was shared in a report to the Board of Trustees on May 12, 2020. The ongoing development of the 2020-2021 budget, adheres to the priorities of quality Catholic education, student well-being and achievement, transparency and accountability. A finalized, compliant budget proposal is expected to be presented to the Board of Trustees in August 2020.

### Summer Work

The Plant Facilities Department will undertake facility renewal, school condition improvement, special accommodation, fire alarm replacement, building automation systems, painting, paving and outdoor grounds projects in 128 schools valued at approximately \$53.5M. Included in the planned projects are energy management-related projects at 21 schools, as well as the installation of exterior signage at 23 elementary schools. The installation of water filling stations continues at various schools. In addition, one major school capital project will be undertaken this summer at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School, which due to the COVID-19 construction delays, is anticipated to be completed during the 2020-2021 school year. The Plant Facilities Department will also coordinate Kindergarten play area refurbishing and other projects as resources and timelines allow at various schools during the summer.

### New Student Trustees elected for 2020-2021

Elections to choose the student trustees for the 2020-2021 school year took place at the Catholic Education Centre in May. Alejandro Garcia Polo, a student at St. Thomas Aquinas S.S. and Heather Fernandes, a student St. Francis Xavier S.S. were elected. We thank Sheanne Jesudhason, our student trustee for 2019-2020, for her exceptional representation of student voice at the board table this year.

### Multi-Year Strategic Plan

The Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) informs constituents of board's priorities. The MYSP reflects the board's vision and mission, including its overall purpose, beliefs and strategic directions; it is also based on local practices, traditions and cultures. Strategic planning is required of school boards by the Ministry of Education. Our MYSP is also deeply aligned with our primary focus on Catholic Social Teachings, on the inherent human dignity of all, the need to work to support interdependence and the common good and the requirement of ensuring subsidiarity across the levels of our system, from classroom to board.

Throughout the course of the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Trustees has continued to work with staff to implement the 2019-2023 MYSP. Labour action and COVID-19 related school closures have had impact; priorities, while unchanged, are being refined to reflect current and emerging realities related to teaching, learning, and the well-being of all.

### Make a Difference - Get involved in your local Catholic School Council

At DPCDSB, parents/guardians are an integral part of our Catholic school communities. We appreciate the involvement of parents/guardians at the local school and encourage participation in school activities and events. Consider becoming involved in your school's Catholic school council. School councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents and other members of school communities can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance. For more information about your local Catholic school council, please inquire through your school office and visit the [Central Committee for Catholic School Councils webpage](#).

### Support Catholic Education

Like many Catholics, you may be surprised to find out that you are not registered as a Separate (Catholic) School Supporter, but rather, as a Public School Supporter. By directing your tax support to the Separate School System:

- You may vote for Catholic School Trustees in Municipal elections;
- Your children may attend Catholic elementary schools, subject to eligibility requirements;
- You show your support for the Catholic school system.

To verify that you are an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter, check the assessment section of your Tax Bill or Property Assessment Notice. To register as a Separate (Catholic) School Supporter or change your Direction of School Support, contact our Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or [admissions@dpcdsb.org](mailto:admissions@dpcdsb.org).

### Follow Your Trustee and DPCDSB on Social Media

DPCDSB social media is a great way to receive important and timely information related to issues that impact schools, such as Hold and Secures, Lockdowns, bus cancellations due to weather conditions and other notices. It is also a great way to see examples of the many wonderful things that take place in our schools each and every day. Many trustees also are active on social media, so check the Trustee Section profiles on the [DPCDSB website](#). Following is a listing of all DPCDSB social media channels.

CONNECT with us!



[@DPCDSBSchools](#)



[@dpcdsb.schools](#)



[@DPCDSBSchools](#)



[DPCDSBVideos](#)

## ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE

Dufferin-Peel's Catholic schools are overseen by a board of 11 elected trustees. Trustees serve as system leaders of publicly funded education in their communities and province. They work collaboratively with their community to shape a vision for DPCDSB that is reflective of the input of parents, students and community members. Trustees advocate for excellence in education and act as role models to engender confidence in publicly funded education. In addition, Catholic school trustees have a clearly defined role as stewards and guardians of Catholic education. Two student trustee representatives, elected by their peers, also sit with the Board of Trustees in a non-voting capacity.

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre located at 40 Matheson Boulevard West in Mississauga. Check out the [Trustees section](#) of our school board website.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Sharon Hobin (Chair)**  
Mississauga Wards 2 & 8  
905-301-1210  
sharon.hobin@dpcdsb.org



**Thomas Thomas (Vice Chair)**  
Mississauga Ward 5  
416-845-8225  
thomas.thomas@dpcdsb.org



**Brea Corbet**  
Mississauga Wards 9 & 10  
905-301-9373  
brea.corbet@dpcdsb.org



**Bruno Iannicca**  
Mississauga Ward 7  
905-270-0536  
bruno.iannicca@dpcdsb.org



**Anna da Silva**  
Brampton Wards 1,3, 4  
416-706-5679  
anna.dasilva@dpcdsb.org



**Mario Pascucci**  
Mississauga Wards 1 & 3  
905-302-3096  
mario.pascucci@dpcdsb.org



**Luz del Rosario**  
Mississauga Wards 6 & 11  
416-528-6447  
luz.delrosario@dpcdsb.org



**Stefano Pascucci**  
Mississauga Ward 4  
416-508-5543  
stefano.pascucci@dpcdsb.org



**Frank Di Cosola**  
Caledon/Dufferin  
905-951-8898  
frank.dicosola@dpcdsb.org



**Shawn Xaviour**  
Brampton Wards 7-10  
416-528-9622  
shawn.xaviour@dpcdsb.org



**Darryl D'Souza**  
Brampton Wards 2,5,6  
416-528-8515  
darryl.dsouza@dpcdsb.org



**Sheanne Jesudhason**  
Student Trustee  
905-890-1221, ext. 24295  
sheanne.jesudhason@dpcdsb.org