

HERMAN VILORIA
TRUSTEE – MISSISSAUGA WARDS 2 & 8



"In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." - Proverbs 16:9

BOARD FROM THE BOARD **February 2023**

This month, we are called to embrace the virtue of **RESPECT**. As we draw closer to Christ, may we see Him in the goodness of others and live out respect, one of the greatest expressions of love.

Enrolment Report – Student enrolments are reported to the Board of Trustees for September, October 31 and March 31. The Ministry of Education mandates the submission of October 31 and March 31 enrolment and staffing data to determine and/or verify eligibility for many grant categories under the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding model. DPCDSB schools reported 42,546 elementary students and 29,879 secondary students, for a total enrolment of 72,425 students on October 31, 2022. This represents an enrolment decrease of 1080 elementary students (-2.48 %) and a decrease of 274 secondary students (-0.91 %) since October 29, 2021. The overall board-wide enrolment decreased by 1,354 students (-1.84 %) from a year ago. For more information, please refer to the Enrolment

Report in the January 24, 2023 Administration & Finance Committee on the Board website (dpcdsb.org>News>Board Meetings)

Extended Excursions – DPCDSB has a rich tradition of offering students the opportunity to participate in extended excursions as an enhancement to their regular program of study. Local schools offer these through educational travel, social justice, and special programs. DPCDSB has the duty to provide for the safety, well-being, learning and leading of all within our community. All school excursions follow the board policies established by the Board of Trustees and the Extended Excursions Committee. A report was presented to our Board of Trustees at the January 24, 2023 Faith and Program Committee Meeting.

The report can be found on the Board website (dpcdsb.org>News>Board Meetings)

OCSTA Resolutions – The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) requested Catholic school boards draft resolutions to be considered at the OCSTA's Annual General Meeting. The resolution process provides member boards with the opportunity to bring forward important issues, which have provincial implications, to the attention of all trustees in the province. At the December 13, 2022, DPCDSB Regular Board Meeting, our trustees reviewed and provided final approval for two resolutions (Municipal Voting, Technology Funding) to be submitted to OCSTA. Additionally, a third resolution (Tutoring Funding) has been developed and submitted for review. These resolutions are appended to a report presented to our Board of Trustees at the January 24, 2023 Faith and Program Committee Meeting. The report can be found on the Board website (dpcdsb.org>News>Board Meetings)

Feminine Hygiene Products – In 2021, the Ministry of Education announced an initiative to increase student access to free menstrual products in Ontario schools. This initiative included the one-time distribution of feminine hygiene dispensers and a three-year allocation of menstrual products. In order to expand upon the Ministry's announcement and ensure that every DPCDSB school could have access to free menstrual products, DPCDSB purchased and installed additional dispensers (over and above the Ministry's allocation) in school washrooms across all DPCDSB schools. All schools have received a shipment of menstrual products.

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education.

Status of Negotiations with Unionized Bargaining Groups Within the DPCDSB – The following table provides a summary of the status of negotiations with the various unionized employee bargaining groups with the DPCDSB.

Unionized Bargaining Groups	Central Negotiations Ongoing	Central Ratification	Local Negotiations Ongoing	Local Ratification
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 2026 (Secretaries, Library technicians, Buyers, Clerks)		X	X	
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1483 (Custodians, Maintenance)		X	X	
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) – DPEU (Elementary Teachers)	X			
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) – DPSU (Secondary Teachers)	X			
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) – DPOT (Occasional Teachers)	X			
Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers' Association (DPERWA) (ERWs and DECEs)	X			
Association of Professional Student Services Personnel (APSSP) (Psychologists, Child and Youth Workers, Social Workers and Speech & Language Pathologists)	X			
Ontario Public Service Employees' Union (OPSEU) (Adult and Continuing Education Teachers)		X		

Note: Bargaining is done in two stages. In the first stage, monetary items are negotiated and ratified centrally with the Province. In the second and final stage, non-monetary items are negotiated locally with the School Board.

Wishing our DPCDSB students, families, and staff a Happy Family Day! May you enjoy the day with your family, friends and loved ones.

You are welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

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