

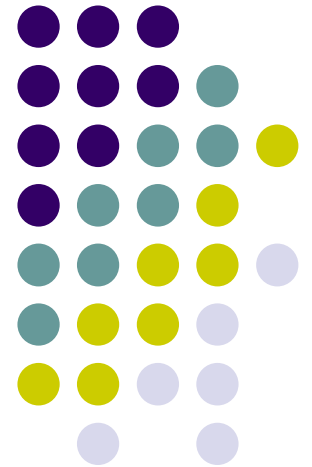
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Ontario Catholic School  
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# Catholic School Trustees/Boards Celebrating Local Government Week

October 2017



# A Call to Service



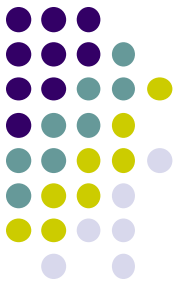
*“He or she who seeks the office  
of trustee is seeking an  
honourable office.”*

**The Challenge of Trusteeship – Cardinal G. Emmett Carter**

# Catholic School Board Trustees



- School Board trustees are the oldest form of elected representation in Ontario
- The first Catholic school in Ontario was built in Glengarry County in 1826
- Catholic school board trustees are the only publicly elected official with the direct responsibility for the education of children in Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools

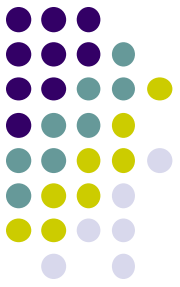


# Promoting Catholic Education

The following video highlights trustees, alumni and teachers discussing the distinctiveness of Catholic education in Ontario.



# A Distinctive Focus - Catholic Trustees:



- have a vision of Catholic education that is Christ-centred;
- are committed to educating students in the Catholic faith tradition;
- work collaboratively with all partners in education for the betterment of all;
- embrace the knowledge that their service is an investment in the future leadership of our communities, our Catholic schools, our country and our Church.

# Catholic School Board Responsibilities



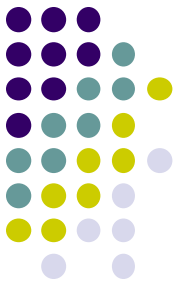
- Establish the Catholic school board's vision, mission and goals
- Develop school board policies that protect and promote the constitutional right of the Catholic community to govern Catholic schools
- Set and monitor the annual budget
- Develop and monitor the CDSB's multi-year strategic plan
- Select the Director of Education
- Communicate the views and decisions of the board to constituents
- Represent the school board as a whole to the Catholic community
- Uphold the implementation of resolutions passed by the board

# Elected Representation



- Catholic Trustees are elected every four years during municipal and school board elections.
- There are 236 publicly elected Catholic trustees representing 29 publicly funded Catholic school boards across Ontario.
- Catholic Trustees are the stewards, advocates, servant leaders and political representatives for Catholic education in Ontario.

# WCDSB QUICKFacts



Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools

## OUR VISION

*Our Catholic schools...*

- *heart of the community*
- *success for each*
- *a place for all.*

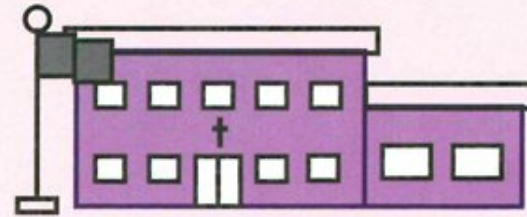
## OUR MISSION

*As disciples of Christ,  
we educate and nurture  
hope in all learners  
to realize their full potential  
to transform God's world.*



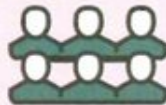
Waterloo Catholic  
District School Board

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**45** Elementary  
Schools

**5** Secondary  
Schools



**21,400**  
Students



**3,600**  
Staff



**96,000**  
Catholic School  
Ratepayers



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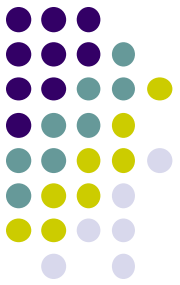


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