



WATERLOO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PARENT OUTREACH PLAN

The Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program provides funding to district school boards and school authorities to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning.

New for this year, district school boards received a predetermined funding amount for parent engagement projects so the past practice of individual schools applying for funding for independent projects no longer exists.

As a system, the Waterloo Catholic District School Board worked closely with our Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Catholic School Advisory Councils and other stakeholder groups as we developed initiatives that support increased parent engagement and involvement.

WCDSB PRO Grant Outcomes: 2019-2020:

The WCDSB proposed that the following PRO Grant plan will include projects that:

- Enhance the resiliency of our parents, allowing them to better support their children / our students
- Provide collaborative cross-region projects of family of schools: Building Stronger Catholic School Advisory Councils
- Parent Engagement Speaker/CPIC All Chairs Meeting

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board's upcoming parent opportunities are shared via Newswire (our main communication channel), our school websites, our School Board calendar, on Twitter, and through your local Catholic School Advisory Councils.

Current projects include the following:

What to Teach your Kids About Money

- Jan. 22 – St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School (CSS)
- Feb. 4 – St. Mary's CSS
- Feb. 22 – St. David CSS

Daring Parenting: Courageous Conversations

- Apr. 29; 7-8:30 p.m. at St. David's CSS

Daring Parenting: Put the Armor Down: What to do When Shame Shows Up

- May 7; 7-8:30 p.m. Monsignor Doyle

We are in discussion with stakeholders regarding the opportunity to offer an additional translated session for our diverse parent community.

Collaborative Cross-Region Projects of Family of Schools: Building Stronger Catholic School Advisory Councils

In addition to our preplanned offerings each WCDSB Secondary School has been allocated \$1000 to work with their feeder schools to host a project that will either promote increased Catholic School Advisory Council Partnerships or a larger scale Guest Speaker Engagement Event.

Our Special Education Advisory Committee also receives \$2000 this year to host an additional opportunity for parents as well.

Finally, the remaining funds will be allocated to CSAC's through an application process mirroring past application of PRO Grants. Approximately eight schools may receive up to \$500 dollars.