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## ARE YOU TICKED?



Make Sure Your School Support Designation is English Separate (Catholic)  
It's a powerful message in support of Catholic education

Dear Dufferin-Peel Faculty/Staff Member:

By now, you will have likely seen the red, white and blue posters or flyers regarding Dufferin-Peel's *Are You Ticked?* school support designation awareness campaign. This locally developed campaign has been supported by the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association and the Archdiocese of Toronto and has been adopted by other Catholic boards across the province.

It is essential that Catholic schools continue to be seen publicly as a significant element in the education of our students, and as one of the four publicly funded branches of education in the Province of Ontario.

One of the ways we can demonstrate this, most visibly, is by ensuring that our **School Support Designation** is directed to the **English Separate (Catholic) school system**. Having school support designated as English Separate on provincial records is a clear indication of your support for the Catholic school system, whether you have children in the system or not.

It also allows you to have your children attend the Catholic school system and allows you to vote for the candidate of your choice running for Catholic school trustee in your area.

Many people are not aware that when they move, their school support designation automatically defaults to the public school system. The easiest way to determine if your support has been directed to the English Separate school system is to check your Property Assessment Notice from the municipality.

If you live in Peel Region or Dufferin County, we encourage you to check your Direction of School Support, either through your municipality, or through the board's Admissions Department. Contact Admissions through email at [lynda.arsenault@dpcdsb.org](mailto:lynda.arsenault@dpcdsb.org), or call (905) 890-0708, ext. 24512. If you reside outside the Dufferin-Peel jurisdiction, we encourage you to contact your local Catholic school board or municipality to ensure that your Direction of School Support is designated English Separate.

If your spouse is non-Catholic, a Separate School Lease Agreement is an additional document which allows people, one of whom is non-Catholic, who are jointly responsible for the payment of property taxes, either directly through ownership or indirectly through the payment of rent, to direct school support to the Catholic system. Again, you can contact our Admissions Department for more information.

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Because this is such an important concern, this letter is being jointly issued by your union or association president, the director of education and the chair of the board. Please take a few moments to ensure that your School Support Designation indicates your support for Catholic education. It is a small action, but one that will potentially have great significance in the years to come.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.



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