Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Dufferin-Peel QUICK FACTS

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and Church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social, and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

History

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is the successor to The Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board, which was established in 1969 by the merger of eight small separate boards. The board's jurisdiction extends throughout the municipalities of Mississauga, Brampton, Bolton, Caledon, Orangeville and Dufferin County. Dufferin-Peel is one of the largest and most diverse school boards in Ontario.

Catholic Traditions

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board includes the teaching of religion, family life, the practice of prayer and worship, and the presence of Gospel values in the curriculum and daily life in the schools. Schools have strong links to parishes and assist parishes with sacramental preparation. Parish staff conducts liturgies and provide other services within the schools. The Catholic school system maintains strong links between the home, school and church, and parental participation in the education of students is highly encouraged. These links provide for a natural reinforcement and development of Christian values in the Catholic tradition.

Quick Facts

- 11 elected Trustees;
- 146 schools
  - 26 secondary, 120 elementary;
- 85,334 students
  - 50,765 elementary, 34,569 secondary;
- 50,000 Adult and Continuing Education learners;
- 10,000 employees;
- $830 million operating budget;
- 19,500 students bused daily;
- 2,670 square miles in jurisdiction (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Dufferin County);
- 38 parishes within Dufferin-Peel's jurisdiction;
- 413,000 Roman Catholic electors;
- Full Day Kindergarten offered at 24 schools,; expanding to 55 schools for 2012-13;
- Extended French and French Immersion programs offered at selected schools;
- International Baccalaureate Program offered at selected secondary schools;
- Regional Arts Programs offered at selected secondary schools;
- Regional All Girls School – Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School;
- Wide range of SHSM (Specialist High Skills Majors) programs offered in secondary schools;
- Students meet or exceed provincial average in EQAO test scores in most areas.