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From Your Catholic School Trustee, Wards 2 & 8
Sharon Hobin

Well the school year is moving quickly as it always does (especially as we get older)! I am pleased to report that to date this has been a wonderful start up with many exciting events happening in our schools. Thanks to everyone who organized the many tributes to our veterans on November 11th. Both my parents were veterans of World War II. It is very important that our children know and understand the terrific sacrifice made in the past and continues to be made by our armed forces. As the Christmas season approaches it also means it is time for the school board to hold its elections for chair and vice chair as well as committees chairpersons. The organization board meeting will be on December 6th. Information as to who has been elected will be on our board web site at www.dpccsb.org.

We welcome the opening of another Catholic school in Brampton. Our Lady of Lourdes opened its doors in September. It will serve a large population in the Brampton area and is predicted to grow in numbers every year. I am pleased to report and hope that if you have a son or daughter in grade eight you will attend the Information Night at Iona in December 7th. The students will be visiting during the day. In the evening you will be offered tours, displays and program information. I encourage you to attend. I am very proud to tell you that Iona is leading the province in EQAO scores and of course continues to be a leader in athletics and the arts.

Many of our Mississauga South elementary schools are bringing home championships in various athletics...too many to mention. Congratulations to all of the teams and to their volunteer coaches.

Congratulations to MPP Laurel Broten who has been appointed Minister of Education. We look forward to a positive partnership and wish her all the best in her endeavours. Congratulations to MPP Bob Delaney who has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education.

We will be inviting our local MPPs to meet with the board of Trustees and senior staff in the New Year to discuss goals, concerns and issues. I hope that our local MPP will be able to attend.

I encourage you will make an effort to attend your Catholic school council meetings. This is an opportunity for you to hear the latest news about your children's school and to ask pertinent questions. Thank you so much to our school council members and volunteers for your time and talent.

As I visit my schools I am acutely aware of our outward signs of our Catholicity. It is crucial that we continue to make our elected representatives aware that we expect that they will stand for Catholic education in this province. I wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. May the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR)
BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO BAD WEATHER
2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. **A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio and television stations:**

VIRGIN RADIOFM99.9
CFNY FM102.1/AM640
CFRB AM1010
FM Z103.5
CHIN FM100.7/AM1540
CITYPULSE

CHUM AM1050
CJCL AM590
EZ ROCK FM97.3
FM93.1
CBC99.1
GLOBAL NEWS

CFTR AM680
CHFI FM98.1
CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Q107
CTV

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the **highlighted text only** will be communicated by the radio stations).

1. **“DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY.”**
2. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED”**. This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled.
 - All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.
 - Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.
3. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED.”** *This means that:*
ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.
4. **“THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED.”** *This means that:*
ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

Note: For Secondary School students riding Public Transit, cancellation of service will be communicated by the respective transit property over the radio. Please be advised that Public Transit rarely cancels and that the level of service on days with inclement weather is unpredictable.