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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On December 4, 2018, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) held its inaugural meeting. This was my first meeting as your newly-elected trustee. During that meeting, Mississauga Wards 2 & 8 Trustee, Sharon Hobin, was elected Chair of the Board, while Mississauga Ward 5 Trustee, Thomas Thomas was elected Vice Chair.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the DPCDSB, which was formed in 1969 by the merger of eight small Catholic school boards. This is a significant milestone in the history of Catholic education in our region. Please consult the DPCDSB website (www.dpcdsb.org) to stay up to date on news and events surrounding this significant milestone.

Did you know that the DPCDSB is one of the largest school boards in Ontario? The Board of Trustees oversees the governance and policies of our school system and approves its budget. We have 151 schools, approximately 81,000 students, approximately 40,000 Adult and Continuing Education learners and 11,000 employees. We have an annual budget of approximately \$1 Billion.

My goal as your trustee, and as a member of the Board of Trustees, is to ensure that our children have the tools and resources needed to receive the best Catholic education possible and that Catholic education remains strong in Ontario. To aid in the fight for Catholic education, the DPCDSB has invited our local MPPs to visit our Catholic Education Centre and our schools. These meetings with our MPPs will allow us to highlight the accomplishments of the DPCDSB, our schools and our students and to outline why their support is crucial.

I am sure that many of you have seen the mobile signs outside our schools stating that kindergarten registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any children who are ready to attend your local Catholic elementary school, please register them now. This year, electronic bills (e-bills) have been added as proof of address for the registration process. For more information, please visit the Register for **SCHOOLS** section of the DPCDSB website.

We encourage and welcome all Parents and Guardians to attend our Board and Committee meetings, which take place most Tuesdays starting at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Education Centre located at 40 Matheson Blvd West, Mississauga. Meeting schedules, agendas and minutes of past meetings are available online. Visit the **NEWS** section of the DPCDSB website for information.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can at the many school and board-wide events and activities I am blessed to be able to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's Catholic education. I can be reached by email at stefano.pascucci@dpcdsb.org or by phone at 416-508-5543. I am here for you.

May God bless you and your families in 2019.

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Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education.