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Our DPCDSB **Mission**: Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body and soul to the fullness of life.

Our DPCDSB **Vision**: Changing the world through Catholic education.

January 2023

Welcome back to our students, families, staff, as well as our Catholic school communities. A New Year brings fresh opportunities to reflect, learn and to live more like Christ. May we open wide the doors of a New Year to Christ, to *nurture a future of hope*.

January 1 World Day of Peace – The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968. He asked that *“every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and promise at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.”*

2021-2022 Director’s Annual Report – Our Director of Education is required by the Ministry of Education to produce an annual report to the community that outlines how DPCDSB has met the goals of our Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Strategic Plan. As well, it provides an account of how DPCDSB has met the Ministry’s goals on Equity and Inclusivity, over the past year. [The report](#) is included in the December 13 Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

2022-2023 Revised Operating Budget - The original budget was presented to the Board of Trustees in June 2022. Reporting of Revised Estimates at this point in the fiscal year provides more accurate detail. DPCDSB is in the unique position of operating under a Financial Recovery Plan (FRP), which allows DPCDSB to be in a deficit position with Minister approval. The budget challenges for DPCDSB continue to be enrolment decline and the fully funded Long-Term Disability (LTD) plan. Additional cost pressures include an increase in natural gas costs and the continued Canada Revenue Agency increases in CPP/EI benefit costs.

In the last ten years, DPCDSB has experienced enrolment decline of over 8,000 students, which has an immediate and dramatic impact on Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and increases underutilized student space. The COVID-19 Learning Recovery Funds (LRF) support has been implemented and is expected to be fully spent by yearend. The estimated compliance deficit has now increased to \$55.7 million. [For more information](#).

2022 – 2023 Revised Capital Budget - The Revised Capital budget incorporates changes in approved capital funding initiatives and projects for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as well as updates to the longer term capital debt servicing requirements of the DPCDSB that may have changed following the audited yearend. At its December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the 2022-2023 Revised Capital budget position of \$78.0 million.

Ministry Curriculum Updates – On December 12, 2022 the Ministry of Education announced updates for Ontario’s secondary schools in the Computer Studies and the Technological Education curriculum. The two new curriculum changes include:

- A new Computer Studies curriculum, beginning with a new Grade 10 course to be implemented in September 2023.
- A new Technological Education curriculum, beginning with revised Grade 9 and Grade 10 courses to be offered in September 2024.

The revised Technological Education curriculum, which has not been updated since 2009, will reflect the advancements in automation across sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and construction. The *Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World* course will replace the current Grade 10 *Introduction to Computer Studies* course which was last updated in 2008. For more information, please read the [Ministry of Education’s news release](#).

Chair’s Message – “Thank you to my fellow trustees for their vote of confidence. It is my honour to represent you as Chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. This is a hardworking and caring Board of Trustees. We have faced a lot of challenges and opportunities in the last few years. We have a long history of defending Catholic education and we stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before us. We will continue to face challenges together as we support Catholic education and promote student success and wellbeing.”

- Chair of the Board of Trustees, Trustee del Rosario, Mississauga Wards 6 & 11

Our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have with regards to you child/ren’s school.

Take care and God bless.

Your Trustees,

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