

Growing TOGETHER



in Faith & Learning

Director's 2011-12 Annual Report to the Community

Message from the Director of Education

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's tagline - is "A Tradition of Excellence in Catholic Education: Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow." For us, these are more than mere words. This is a reminder of the principles on which we were formed, the work we currently do, and our future direction. It is our promise to each and every student and family of rigorous academic standards, safe, clean, healthy, caring and inclusive schools, a wide range of curricular and co-curricular opportunities infused with Gospel values in the Catholic faith tradition.



Our multi-year Strategic System Plan is framed by this promise. All employees are charged with the responsibility of doing their part to ensure that the work they do – whether in a classroom or school setting, or in a corporate or technical setting – is aligned with this plan.

Our Strategic System Plan, developed by our Board of Trustees, is supported by five distinct pillars – Catholicity, Learning Environment, Community Engagement, Parish/Home/School Partnership and Physical Environment. The 2011-12 Annual Report provides a view of the progress and commitment that we, as a system, have made over the past year, not only in aligning all we do with these five pillars, it clearly demonstrates that we are meeting our goals in a manner that is both true to our faith tradition and in a fiscally responsible manner.

Dufferin-Peel students are excelling across the board. EQAO results and graduation rates continue to reflect our tradition of academic excellence. Students continue to explore the wide range of extracurricular opportunities available to them. As always, Gospel values in the Catholic faith tradition continue to permeate all that we do.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our faculty and staff, trustees, parents/guardians, students and pastors for your continuing support in making Dufferin-Peel a leading school board in this province.

The following is a brief overview of our key successes during 2011-12. To download a complete copy of the report, visit www.dpccsb.org.

John B. Kostoff
Director of Education

“ Our schools inspire students to reach their full academic, spiritual, social and physical potential. ”

2011-12 HIGHLIGHTS

- Students meeting or exceeding provincial expectations in **EQAO test scores** in most areas;
- **Full-Day Kindergarten** offered at 24 schools for 2011-12 and further expanded to 55 schools in 2012-13;
- **Extended French** Programs offered at 11 schools;
- **French Immersion** offered at eight schools;
- **International Baccalaureate Program (IB)** offered at two secondary schools;
- Approval to explore possibility of opening new elementary **Global Learning Centre** at St. James site;
- **Regional Arts Programs** offered at three secondary schools;
- **Regional All Girls School** – Holy Name of Mary Catholic S.S.;
- Wide range of **Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)** programs offered in secondary schools; representing 12 economic sectors.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- ▶ **Two new elementary schools** opening September 2013 in Brampton: St. Andre Bessette and St. Jean-Marie Vianney.
- ▶ The board received approval to go ahead with **\$12.3 in capital projects**.
- ▶ **Full-Day Kindergarten** will be offered at 80 schools this fall.
- ▶ **St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre** opening in September 2013.
- ▶ **Specialist High Skills Majors** program expanding to John Cabot C.S.S. (Business) and St. Augustine S.S. (Construction and Transportation).

Mission

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.

Profile

- one of the largest and most diverse school boards in Ontario
- 146 schools
- 85,334 students
- 47,000 Adult and Continuing Education learners
- 10,000 employees
- \$800 million budget

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EXCELLENCE
IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Yesterday • Today • Tomorrow

SNAPSHOT from the 2011-12 Annual Report

Catholicity

- Presented the Catholic Award of Merit to six religious orders that were instrumental in the creation and early growth of Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel.
- Successfully launched Our Story. Our Tradition. Our Journey., a community studies course for Grades 7 and 10.
- Held retreats, workshops, gatherings and liturgies.
- Catholic Education Week was celebrated board-wide through a variety of events and activities.
- Promoted and provided ongoing social justice outreach in our local communities and around the world.



"We will continue to ensure that Catholicity remains at the core of all that we do."

Learning Environment

- Met or exceeded provincial standards in virtually all areas of EQAO assessment
- Increased graduation rate
- Offered 28 Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs at 16 schools with 616 students participating
- Approved investments in technology, textbooks and Special Education
- Approved plans to establish an elementary Global Learning Centre



"We champion the development of the whole child through a caring and inclusive environment."

Community Engagement

- Issued a letter to all regional MPPs, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education asserting Board views on the proposed provincial budget and the Drummond Report.
- Created over 93 Student Voice initiatives across elementary and secondary schools.
- Established board Twitter account and YouTube channel as community engagement tools.
- Hosted board-wide public presentations sponsored by the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC).
- Continued working with community partners supporting families in Ontario Early Years Centres, Success by 6 Peel, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Peel Children and Youth Initiative (PCYI) and Best Start.



"We value involvement of community partnerships in the life of the school."

Parish | Home | School

- Regular participation in monthly zone meetings with parish priests.
- Held board-wide student mass with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins.
- Developed a Vocations Study Unit in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Toronto.
- Involvement of local pastors and pastoral staff in the development of school pastoral plans.



"We believe that a strong partnership between Parish, Home and School is based on mutual respect rooted in our Catholic Faith."

Physical Environment

- Approved fifth consecutive balanced budget.
- Opened Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School in Brampton.
- Completed the Capital Plan for 2012-13.
- Secured provincial funding for two new Brampton elementary schools: St. André Bessette and St. Jean-Marie Vianney.
- Completed construction of the new Loyola Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga.
- Approved the repurposing and renaming of the former Loyola C.S.S. (now St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Learning Centre) for other student programming and community use.



"We are committed to a clean, healthy and safe school environment that enhances student learning."

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