

HERMAN VILORIA
MISSISSAUGA TRUSTEE
WARDS 2 & 8



June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

“Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from the fount of heavenly gifts.” (Collect prayer of the Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart)

JUNE 2023 UPDATES

PRIDE FLAG – Four delegations of students, parents and supporters were heard by the Trustees at the Board Meeting on May 23rd. Two of the delegations were in favor of flying the Pride in all DPCDSB schools in June while another two delegations were opposed. The common belief and expectation were that the Board of Trustees would be voting on a motion to fly the Pride flag after hearing the delegations. However, there was no motion for or against the Pride flag as the current Board policy passed two years ago requires that the Pride flag fly on a separate flagpole from the Canadian flag. The only DPCDSB buildings that meet that requirement are the Catholic Education Centre (CEC) and four high schools. Nevertheless, our Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools have been and continue to be caring, inclusive and safe schools for all students from different cultures, race and beliefs.

Long-Term Facilities Master Plan (LTFMP) The Long-Term Facilities Master Plan Facilities Update provides an overview of the current and projected state of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) school facilities that will be incorporated into the final LTFMP document. An update was provided to our Board of Trustees at the May 2, 2023 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting. It includes strategies to support DPCDSB’s long-term accommodation plan through ongoing capital planning and investments to ensure that DPCDSB school facilities are well-positioned to support student achievement and well-being for the coming years. It includes information on:

- Keeping Our Schools in a State of Good Repair
- Investments in Infrastructure During the 2022–2023 School Year
- Ventilation Optimization
- Stewardship and Sustainability of Facilities

Autistic Community Strategy – On May 1, Peel Regional Police (PRP) in collaboration with DPCDSB and other community partners, launched an Autism Strategy in policing. This is believed to be the first in Canada to strengthen

how to best serve our communities. According to PRP Chief, *“This is a living document that will continue to evolve based on engagement with the autistic community, learnings from implementation and ongoing feedback from our partners.”*

The strategy is expected to build on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan that was adopted in June 2022, supporting a collaborative and innovative approach to respond to current and emerging needs. Specifically, it outlines four pillars with a focus on enhanced training and education, community engagement, collaboration with service providers and opportunities to improve how officers respond to vulnerable persons.

More information is available on the [PRP website](#):

National Anthem at DPCDSB Board Meetings- Our DPCDSB Board of Trustees recently requested that our schools be invited to submit a video recording of their school choir/band’s rendition of “O’Canada”, to play as part of the agenda at the Regular Board meetings. Our intention is to begin playing school-created versions of the anthem with the August 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board. With 151 schools and 11 Regular Board Meetings throughout the year (August-June), we will strive to ensure that a school represented by each trustee is highlighted throughout the school year.

2023 Graduating Class – Congratulations to our DPCDSB Grade 12 graduates. You’ve achieved this important milestone in your life through hard work, determination, and resilience. May you continue to adhere to the Catholic Graduate expectations as you continue your life and faith journey. Wishing you every success in your future career goals and post-secondary plans.

School Volunteers – Thank you to our parents/guardians who have helped to support our local school programming and volunteered your time and talents to enrich the experiences for our students. All parents/guardians who wish to participate in school events and attend excursions for the upcoming school year are required to have a current Vulnerable Sector Check - Level 3, which can be completed online: <https://rec-check.peelpolice.ca/>

2023-2024 School Year Calendar – The first day of classes for Elementary and Secondary schools is Tuesday September 5, 2023. More information is available on the [DPCDSB website](#).

June 18 – Fathers’ Day.

Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers and grandfathers!

JUNE & AUGUST

Wishing you all a fabulous and relaxing summer. Keep healthy and stay safe.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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