

<b><u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u></b>	
<b><u>POLICY</u></b>	
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	<b>P-0010</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	(310) November 22, 2011
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*“As the Lord keeps and sustains us, so we must keep and sustain our Lord’s creation.”*

Genesis 2:15

1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) upholds the Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship of God’s Creation, as articulated by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* (217): “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” The DPCDSB community is called to live with profound respect for the gift of life from God; to be loving, caring stewards of the earth’s resources.
2. DPCDSB is committed to stewardship and sustainable practices within the Catholic faith in order to deepen our covenant to promote:
  - personal and communal stewardship;
  - sustainable environmental practices in operational services;
  - environmentally responsible, sustainable, and ethical management practices;
  - system-wide stewardship and sustainable practices education;
  - focus on waste reduction strategies, including the elimination of single-use plastics in DPCDSB facilities.
3. As part of its commitment, DPCDSB is dedicated to engaging staff and students in leadership and learning opportunities to assist them in developing the attitudes, knowledge, skills, and awareness necessary for becoming stewards of justice on behalf of all God’s creation. This commitment is further articulated in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).
4. DPCDSB will comply with all environmental legislation in a coordinated, systematic way to support the common good.