

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic educat on





Board Update for 2015-16

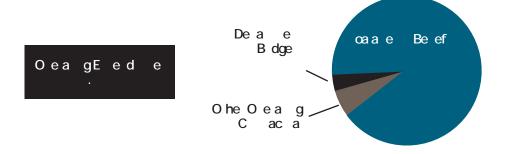
 Unveiled 25 enhanced outdoor learning environments for Kindergarten students as part of a mult -year init at ve that adheres to the principles of early learning pedagogy being implemented in our elementary schools. The playgrounds include several different areas and elements that st mulate creat ve and act ve learning.



- Opened new child care centres at St. Peter School in Orangeville and St. Raphael School in Mississauga. The child care centres are operated by YMCA of Greater Ontario (St. Peter) and PLASP Child Care Services (St. Raphael). Each site serves 31 toddlers and preschool aged children.
- Init ated 72 facility renewal projects over the summer of 2015. Projects included roof repairs, paint ng, plumbing, electrical, accessibility enhancements and f ooring. Also, completed 76 projects related to outdoor space, including new signage, fencing, landscaping projects and upgrades to exist ng playf elds.
- In 2015, parishes within the Archdiocese of Toronto began of ering preparat on to receive the Sacrament of Confirmat on for students in Grade 7. Tradit onally, the sacrament had been received in Grade 8; students now have a year of elementary school to refect on the gif's of the Holy Spirit and how best they can use them in the service of others. To assist teachers, a resource program was developed and implemented by the Board this fall. The program is used in conjunct on with the current Religious Education resource, Stand by Me.
- In August 2014, the Board honoured outgoing Mississauga Mayor, Hazel McCallion for her longt me support of Catholic educat on. She was presented with the award and a commemorat ve framed print.



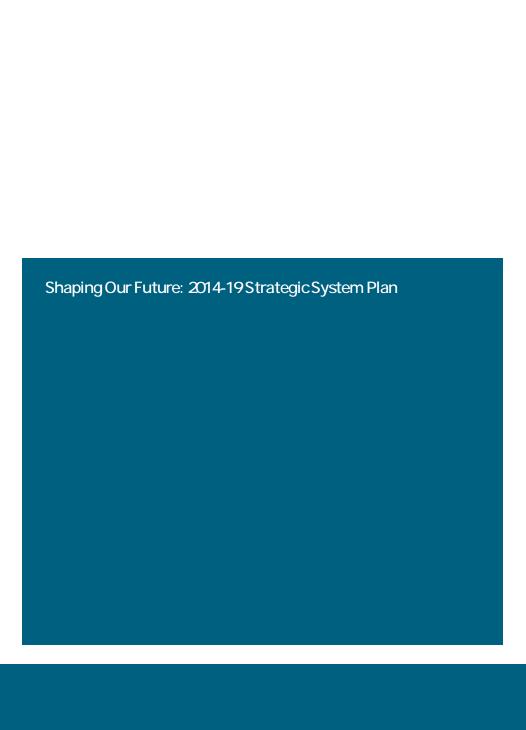
2014-15 Budget: Good news for students and the community



The 2014-15 budget was the Board's eighth consecut ve balanced budget. The budget (operating and capital-ting and \prime a ig & ts included ne



Reinvestment of \$6 million accumulated surplus in learning, technology and infrastructure In December 2014, the Board approved a mult -year strategy for the deployment of



2014-15 Highlights: Meeting Our Strategic Plan Goals

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Catholicity

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- Secondary schools part cipated in the second annual Board-wide student Mass on May 8.
- Celebrated Catholic Educat on Week with events and act vit es in every Duf erin-Peel school.
- Students and staf supported ShareLife and United Way through fundraising campaigns to support local community service agencies, and other appeals in response to global issues.
- Graduate exit survey conducted to gauge levels of sat sfact on and of understanding of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.



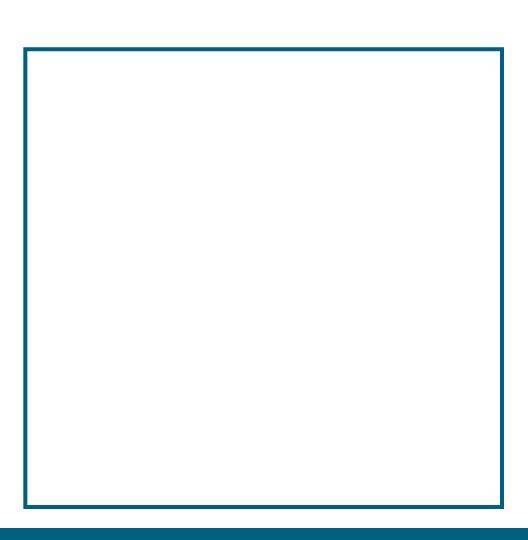
Celebrating Catholic Education Week

Schools and parishes across Duf erin-Peel hosted many special events and act vit es during the week of May 3-8, as students, staf and the community celebrated Catholic Educat on Week. The highlight of the celebrat on was the second annual Board-wide student Mass presided by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. The Mass celebrated youth leader-ship and demonstrated Catholic students' message of pride, as well as the strength and unity of Catholic students across the Board.



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- Achieved continued positive results in EQAO and OSSLT assessments, indicating that strategies and system commitment to student well-being and achievement are working. Our strong act ve Student Voice Commit ee was consulted on many issues related to
- student choice.



Parish Home School Relationships

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 Renewed bapt smal kit program at all af liated Catholic parishes to promote Catholic education in Duf erin-Peel.

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Technology

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- Continued investments in technology infrastructure, including increased bandwidth capacity and wireless connect vity in all schools
- Deployed 800 iPads across a range of programs in support of learners with differing abilities.
- Continued maintenance of technology and on-going acquisition of computers, tablets, iPads, Smart technology and electronic media library resources.
- Piloted use of personal electronic devices in 16 schools, with full implementation in 2015-16

Stewardship of Our Physical Environment

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- Completed renovation of St. Sof a Catholic School, which included an eight-classroom addition, gymnasium expansion and site improvements.
- Completed upgrades to all Kindergarten dassrooms to provide purpose built Kindergarten facilities for students.
- Completed construct on on 25 enhanced outdoor learning environments for Kindergarten students.



Board of Trustees (2014-15)

Senior Management

