

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education



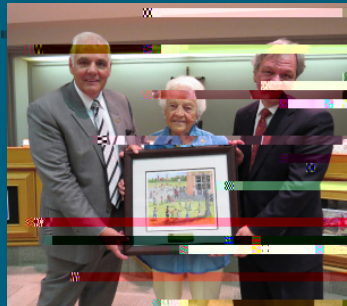
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School Board

Board Update for 2015-16

- Unveiled 25 enhanced outdoor learning environments for Kindergarten students as part of a multi-year initiative that adheres to the principles of early learning pedagogy being implemented in our elementary schools. The playgrounds include several different areas and elements that stimulate creative and active 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.
- Initiated 72 facility renewal projects over the summer of 2015. Projects included roof repairs, painting, plumbing, electrical, accessibility enhancements and flooring. Also, completed 76 projects related to outdoor space, including new signage, fencing, landscaping projects and upgrades to existing playgrounds.
- In 2015, parishes within the Archdiocese of Toronto began offering preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation for students in Grade 7. Traditionally, the sacrament had been received in Grade 8; students now have a year of elementary school to reflect on the gifts 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 conjunction with the current Religious Education resource, *Stand by Me*.
- In August 2014, the Board honoured outgoing Mississauga Mayor, Hazel McCallion for her long-time support of Catholic education. She was presented with the award and a commemorative framed print.



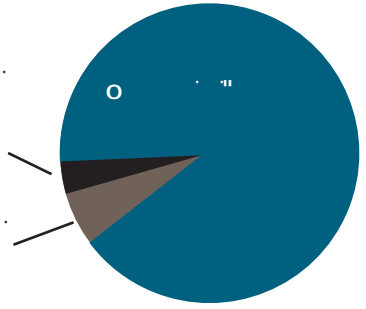
2014-15 Budget: Good news for students and the community



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The 2014-15 budget was the Board's eighth consecutive balanced budget. The budget (operating and capital spending and investments) included new

base budget

Reinvestment of \$6 million accumulated surplus in learning, technology and infrastructure

In December 2014, the Board approved a multi-year strategy for the deployment of



Shaping Our Future: 2014-19 Strategic System Plan

Catholic Learning Environment

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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 active Student Voice Committee was consulted on many issues related to student choice.



Parish|Home|School Relationships

Catholic Education in Dufferin-Peel

- Renewed baptismal kit program at all affiliated Catholic parishes to promote Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel.
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Technology

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- Continued investments in technology infrastructure, including increased bandwidth capacity and wireless connectivity 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. Sofia Catholic School, which included an eight-classroom addition, gymnasium expansion and site improvements
- Completed upgrades to all Kindergarten classrooms to provide purpose built Kindergarten facilities for students
- Completed construction on 25 enhanced outdoor learning environments for Kindergarten students
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