

Welcome Back Message From the Director of Education And Chair of the Board

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year and the celebration of the Year of the Family as we begin our three year journey focusing on “Together With One Voice: Harmonizing Our Faith through Family, Parish and School.”

This theme reiterates the basic foundation on which our school board has been developed—a strong partnership between our parents, our Catholic church and our school communities, which includes each and every person who is dedicated to Catholic education. We know that we will continue to flourish as long as these three partners remain steadfast in their commitment to the students who are entrusted to us, and faithful to our Catholic values and teachings.

As with any new year, there are challenges and opportunities. The news last week that negotiations between OCSTA, OECTA and the province that a tentative agreement was reached put an end to any uncertainty for the start of the new school year, and was celebrated by everyone in education—our students, staff and parents. We congratulate all who were involved in those negotiations.

We also continue to meet our financial challenges head on with prudent fiscal planning while reaffirming our commitment to student achievement and excellence. As a result, we face a challenging year with many tough choices and decisions ahead. However, it is also an exciting one for our students as we continue to build new schools, improve existing facilities, explore innovative programming options and celebrate the accomplishments of our students, staff and parents.

As we move forward together, let us stay focused on excellence so that our parents will continue to choose a Catholic education for their children.

Our hope for this year is that each and every member of the TCDSB community will take great pride in being a vital part of the largest publicly-funded Catholic school board in the world, and will continue to serve with the same compassion and commitment that has become the hallmark of our system.

Let’s all have a wonderful school year!

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