

Year End Message from Director of Education And Chair of the Board

As the end of the school year approaches, we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for your continued commitment to, and involvement in, Catholic education.

Our students and staff continue to excel in so many areas, and we know that this is due in large part to the support of our parents, parishes, trustees and many partners.

Our staff is to be congratulated for the wide variety of celebrations that took place this past year: the launch of our new pastoral plan, the opening of the new St. Andre Catholic School, a new partnership with ALPHA, and numerous school anniversaries and local school events.

These and the many awards and accolades for our students, staff and school communities showcase the dedication of our staff and the high level of involvement of our parishes and parents. Just as importantly, we have seen graduation rates rise and continued improvement on standardized tests in math and literacy. We celebrate the many scholarships and bursaries that were earned by individual students in recognition for their community service, social justice initiatives, academic excellence and efforts in the arts and athletics.

We look forward to the year ahead, which will focus on “Together with One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith through Family, Parish and School”, and the updating of our Board’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which together will continue to guide our focus with a renewed commitment to student achievement and well-being, and nurturing our Catholic faith.

The important trinity of home, school and parish was particularly evident this year as we faced our current financial challenges together. Community consultations for the 2015-2016 budget were the most comprehensive ever undertaken in the Board’s history. We thank our parents, staff, students and Catholic stakeholders for your invaluable input, which was critical to passing a balanced budget that solidifies the TCDSB’s ongoing commitment to student achievement and well-being, while maintaining fiscal accountability.

As you depart for some well-deserved time with your family and friends, we wish you a safe, happy and relaxing vacation.

Thank you for being part of our TCDSB school community. Have a wonderful summer!

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Michael Del Grande
Chair of the Board

Pope Francis: “In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!”