



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

BLESSED CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:6)

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

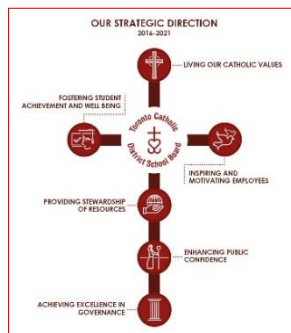
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Blessed Cardinal Newman was canonized a saint by Pope Francis on October 13th, 2019. The Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic High School community is requesting a name change in recognition of the canonization.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 4 hours

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request an official name change for the school from “Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic High School” to “St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School”.

C. BACKGROUND

1. John Henry Newman (February 21, 1801 – August 11, 1890) was born in London, England, He was a well-known English theologian and poet famous for his writings including **Tracts for the Times** (1833-1841), **Apologia Pro Vita Sua** (1865-1866) and the **Grammar of Assent** (1870).
2. Newman was originally an evangelical Oxford University academic and priest with the Church of England. However, in 1845, he was received into the Catholic Church and ordained a priest. In 1879, he was created a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII.
3. Newman died on August 11, 1890 and was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II in 1991. He was beatified on September 19, 2010 and canonized on October 13, 2019.
4. When the canonization of John Henry Newman was announced, members of the school community began to meet to plan events to celebrate this joyful occasion and to discuss school renaming possibilities. Multiple members of the community were consulted including staff, the Administration Team, the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), students, the local Trustee, the Area Superintendent, Board staff, the local Pastor and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. After considerable consultation, the preferred choice of name for the school is St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School. On November 7, 2019 a letter was delivered to the Director of Education in accordance with Board policy S.07 School Names, requesting this name change signed by the school Principal, the CSPC Chair, the local Pastor, the local Trustee and the school Superintendent. (**Appendix A**)
2. The Office of the Cardinal was contacted and his support for the name change was received on November 20, 2019.

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. Once approved officially by the Board of Trustees, the school community will be informed of the new school name.
2. The selection of St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School will be communicated to the general public through a media release and supported by various social and traditional media channels.
3. School signage and other identification, including web-based information will be implemented as soon as possible

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve the name change of the school from “Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic High School to “St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School”.