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MEMO TO: All Trustees and Directors of Education
Catholic District School Boards

CC: OCSTA Directors

FROM: Kathy Burtnik, President

RE: 2016 January Regional Meeting Discussions

During the fall I had the pleasure of visiting Catholic trustees across the province during OCSTA's five regional meetings. These discussions offered an opportunity for rich conversations and meaningful face to face dialogue. The next round of Association Regional Meetings will be held in one location as part of our 2016 Catholic Trustees' Seminar at the Hilton Mississauga Meadowvale Hotel (6750 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga). Regional meetings will be held concurrently on Friday, January 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In preparation for these meetings, trustees are kindly asked to come prepared to discuss the following topics:

1. OCSTA has adopted 3 new strategic priorities for 2016 and invites trustees to share their ideas and recommendations for initiatives to support each of the following strategic directions:
 - a. Enhance Political Advocacy for Catholic Education
 - b. Engage Trustees in an Enriched Development Program
 - c. Manage Human and Fiscal Resources at OCSTA to Effectively Meet Changing Membership Needs
2. The first centralized labour negotiations under the *School Board Collective Bargaining Act* has just been completed (local negotiations continue). Please share your feedback and insight on this round of central and local negotiations.
3. Please share the ways in which trustees at your board initiate outreach initiatives to re-connect and/or strengthen relationships with partners in the Catholic community in order to advance the board's agenda (e.g. meeting with representatives of the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, attending school council meetings or parish ministry committees, etc.).

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For your reference, OCSTA's five regional meetings include boards in the following groupings:

Region	Boards and Region Numbers
West	Brant Haldimand Norfolk (4), Bruce-Grey (4), Huron-Perth (4), London (5), St. Clair (5), Waterloo (4), Wellington (4), Windsor/Essex (5)
Central	Dufferin-Peel (7), Durham (9), Halton (11), Hamilton-Wentworth (11), Niagara (11), Simcoe Muskoka (9), Toronto (6), York (8)
Northeast	Huron-Superior (1), Nipissing-Parry Sound (1), Northeastern (1), Sudbury (1)
Northwest	Kenora (2), Northwest (2), Superior North (2), Thunder Bay (2)
East	Algonquin and Lakeshore (10), Eastern Ontario (10), Ottawa (12), Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington (9), Renfrew (10)

Your support and participation at these sessions is very much appreciated. Your contributions of ideas and recommendations help to ensure that the Association continues to address the current needs and priorities of Catholic school trustees.

As you prepare for the season, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you, your families and your school communities a joyous celebration of Christmas!

