

# York Catholic District School Board Meet Your Board of Trustees 2014 - 2018



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**Joe McLeod**  
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Non-voting member



**Natasha Iaboni**  
Student Trustee  
Non-voting member

Trustees are the community's advocate for public education. They are required to carry out their responsibilities in a manner that assists the Board in fulfilling its duties under the Education Act.

## Role and Duties of Trustees

- The school trustee is a member of a team. Trustees function as a corporate board, being the legislative source of all decisions. Individual trustees are granted no authority through the Education Act;
- To ensure there is a process in place to allow individual trustees to bring forward their community's perspective prior to a corporate Board decision
- To communicate the views and decisions of the Board back to their constituents
- To support the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan promoting student achievement and well-being, and the attainment of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations;
- To develop, maintain, monitor and evaluate policies and organizational structures that support and promote the Board's Strategic Commitments which include the: Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, and Engaging Our Communities
- To act as stewards of Catholic Education by ensuring that:
  - Gospel Values are embedded in all policies and practices
  - Provincial Curriculum is taught by Catholic Teachers from a uniquely Catholic perspective
  - Support is provided for faith formation of students and staff
  - Active collaboration is undertaken with our Catholic community to strengthen the home, school, parish partnership
- To hire and evaluate the Director of Education, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the system

## What Does This Mean for Catholic Families in York Region

The YCDSB has established policies and procedures to ensure that parents will have their specific questions answered and/or concerns addressed. Trustees are always willing to listen to parental concerns, especially those pertaining to Board policy. Trustees will refer parents to the following protocol with respect to individual school-based concerns:

- Your classroom teacher and/or school principal is the first point of contact for any questions or concerns you may have;
- Should you need further assistance, your Area Superintendent of Education is available to assist you;
- In the event of any outstanding question and/or concern, please contact Frances Bagley, Coordinating Superintendent for assistance;
- The Director of Education, Patricia Preston, is always available for consultation and assistance with unresolved issues.

## Catholic School Supporter Declaration

To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every Catholic. Declaring yourself as an "*English Separate School Supporter*," on your property tax assessment helps to ensure that our Provincial Government continues to fund Catholic Education. Catholic school parents/electors/supporters are encouraged to ensure that they are registered appropriately for the purposes of school board tax support as English Separate School Support is a requirement for admission to York Catholic District School Board Elementary schools. Every time you move, you must declare yourself an English-separate school supporter/elector.

Please check your registration by calling the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722, or visit the website at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca). You may also get an Application for Direction of School Support by calling the York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office at 905-713-2711, ext. 2451 or 2453, or by visiting our website at [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca).

## York Catholic District School Board Multi-Year Strategic Plan

### Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

### Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

### Core Values



### Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Effective Use of Our Resources

Engaging Our Communities