



TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY JUNE 2026

"On Fire with the Spirit: Awaken! Illuminate! Rejoice!"

This monthly summary highlights the key items from the June 15, 2026 Board Agenda and Highlights. All decisions, updates, and reports reflect our 3-year Strategic Plan (*On Fire with the Spirit*) and support our students in achieving the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGEs).

Awaken: Strengthening Catholic Faith and Community

- **Annual Leadership Retreat (SLICE 2026):** System leaders gathered on June 11–12 for the *Symposium for Leaders Igniting Catholic Education*. Rooted in prayer and synodal listening, the retreat concluded with a Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass celebrated by Fr. Jude Ogbenna.
 - **Honouring Pastoral Leadership:** The Board expressed gratitude to Most Rev. Bishop Ronald Fabbro upon his retirement, sharing student-led video tributes, and prepared for the upcoming installation Mass of Bishop Miehm on June 29.
 - **Indigenous Education & Land-Based Learning:** Board leaders and the Indigenous Education Team attended the OCSTA Seminar in Brantford, participating in land-based learning, visiting the former Mohawk Institute, and reviewing the newly approved Grade 11 World Religions CVO course update.
 - **When Faith Meets Pedagogy Co-Host:** Preparation continues alongside Durham Catholic DSB to co-host over 600 provincial educators under the theme *"Being the Beatitudes: Forming Hearts, Shaping Minds, and Inspiring Faith"*.
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Illuminate: Elevating Academic Achievement

- **Strategic Priorities Year 2 Update:** Highlighting progress across the district, 85%+ of first-time eligible Grade 10 students passed the OSSLT. Additionally, Grade 3, 6, and 9 math scores showed continuous upward momentum toward 2027 targets through short learning cycles and *Knowledgehook*.
- **Early Literacy & Kindergarten Readiness:** All elementary sites successfully completed End-of-Year Early Reading Screenings (SK–Grade 2). Educators completed three days of "Keep, Tweak, and Transform" professional development to prepare for the new Kindergarten curriculum launching in September 2026.

- **Digital Learning Infrastructure:** Library and IT staff initiated a total refresh of 1:1 student Chromebooks for the 2026–2027 school year, pairing tech maintenance with guidelines to balance purposeful screen time.
- **Secondary Experiential Learning & Trades:** Students achieved widespread certifications in safety, healthcare, and trades. St. Anne's CSS construction students built 50 planter boxes for the Kettle Point First Nation to support local food security and gardening.

Rejoice: Fostering Student Success and Well-being

- **Provincial Student Achievements Recognized:** The Board celebrated Gold Medalists from Skills Ontario (Sacred Heart, Wingham in Construction; St. Michael, Stratford in Aesthetics) and Gold Medalists from MusicFEST Canada (St. Anne's CSS Band). Incoming 2026–2027 Student Trustees were also introduced.
- **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism (EDIAR):** Delivered nearly 50 neurodiversity classroom sessions, conducted cultural awareness workshops with LUSO Community Services, and awarded St. Mary's Listowel top honours in the "*Human Cost of Racism*" video contest. The 2026–2027 EDIAR Work Plan was received.
- **Special Education Plan & Rural Transitions:** The 2025–2026 Revised Special Education Plan was presented. Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) reviewed new Grade-to-Grade Transition Packages and community partnership pathways (e.g., Facile Futures).
- **Mental Health & Erin's Law (Bill 123):** Secondary educators completed safety training on consent and trauma-informed disclosures. Social Workers received training on supporting students with intersecting mental health and Autism Spectrum profiles.
- **Concussion Management Data Baseline:** Standardized system baseline data was received, showing high compliance with the "No Same-Day Return" safety protocol and outlining the fall launch of a central digital tracker.

Governance and Operations

Policy Updates & Approvals

- **Artificial Intelligence Policy (P3.2.2):** Formally approved following public vetting. Sets governance standards on human dignity, privacy, and Catholic values while delegating operational rules to an Administrative Procedure.
- **Trustee Expenses Policy (P1.2.3):** Formally approved to immediately align board guidelines with the provincial *Putting Student Achievement First Act* (May 2026).
- **Video Surveillance Policy (P3.1.5):** Received for information and public vetting. Reorganizes operational steps into a companion procedure and updates security, data protection, and MFIPPA privacy rules.

Budget, Finance & Facilities

- **2026–2027 Draft Balanced Budget:** The Board approved a balanced budget of \$87,861,791 in total revenue and expenditures. Spending directly targets faith formation, MTSS literacy and math, pathways, and student well-being.
- **Enrolment Increase:** Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) for 2026–2027 is projected at 4,722 students (a 2.8% increase), driven by strong secondary growth.
- **Capital & Facility Upgrades:** Capital plans include science lab and air handler upgrades at St. Michael CSS, roof replacements at St. Anne's CSS and St. Mary's Goderich, lighting upgrades at Jeanne Sauvé, and portable replacements.

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