



TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2025

ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT

Welcome to our December highlights, providing an overview of the key reports, discussions, and decisions made during the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2025, framed by the three pillars of the Board's Strategic Plan: **AWAKEN, ILLUMINATE, and REJOICE.**

AWAKEN: Strengthening Catholic Faith and Community

We want every student to grow closer to God and learn how to help others. Our goal is for 100% of our schools to follow a **Pastoral Plan** that keeps our faith at the center of everything we do.

- **New Faith Series:** A special committee is working on a new K-12 series called "*Following in the Footsteps of a Saint*," based on **St. André Bessette**. It will help us all practice being welcoming and kind.
 - **Advent Preparation:** Schools are busy getting ready for Christmas with Masses, concerts, and projects to help people in need.
 - **Service Projects:** Students at St. Michael and St. Anne's are collecting food and money for **St. Vincent de Paul** to show they are *Collaborative Contributors* who care for their community.
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ILLUMINATE: Elevating Academic Achievement

Literacy

Reading is a superpower that helps us learn about the world. We are working hard to make sure our students are among the best readers in Ontario.

- **Great Progress:** Our new report shows that **Grade 1 students** made a huge jump in reading scores this year! We are also seeing better results in **Senior Kindergarten**.
 - **Early Screening:** We check in with our youngest learners in SK to Grade 2 twice a year to see if they need extra help. This helps them become *Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learners*.
 - **Literacy Tests:** High school students had a chance to practice and write their literacy tests in November to make sure they are ready to graduate.
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Mathematics

Math is all around us! We want our students to feel confident when solving problems and working with numbers.

- **Daily Math Blocks:** Our teachers are using a "Day 1/Day 2" plan. This means students get a main lesson one day and then work in small groups the next day to practice what they learned.
 - **Better Tools:** We are using new digital tools like **Knowledgehook** to help students see how much they are improving.
 - **Confidence Building:** By being *Reflective and Creative Thinkers*, students are learning that they can tackle even the toughest math problems.
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REJOICE: Fostering Student Success and Well-being

We want every student to finish high school and be ready for whatever comes next—whether that is a job, college, or university.

- **Skilled Trades:** Many students are trying out cool jobs like plumbing, makeup artistry, and animal care through our **Dual Credit** and **SHSM** programs.
 - **Attendance Matters:** We are working on a new plan to help students come to school every day. Being in class is the best way to succeed!
 - **Tech Days:** Perth County Grade 6 students got to visit high schools to learn about construction and technology. It helps them imagine being *Responsible Citizens* who contribute to our world.
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GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

Important Reminder: Lead Sampling

Our Board checks the water at every school to make sure it is safe to drink. The **2025 Lead Report** shows that our schools are well within the acceptable range, keeping our drinking water safe!

Policy Review

- The Board recommended approval of the revised **Uncertified Instructor Policy** and **Children in Need of Protection**, the updated versions are posted on the website for reference.
 - The following policies were received for review and are posted on the website for community feedback prior to approval request at the January Board meeting: **Health & Safety, Workplace Harassment, Violence in the Workplace** (these 3 policies are reviewed annually); **Advertising and Expressions of Sympathy/Get Well**.
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