



# TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

## NOVEMBER 2024

*ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT*

### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is proud to announce the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the 2024-25 term. At its Annual Meeting of the Board on Monday, November 18, 2024, Mary Helen Van Loon was re-acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board.

Beginning her service to the Board as a Trustee in 2017, Ms. Van Loon enters her fifth consecutive term as Chair of the Board. Ms. Van Loon represents the areas of Perth South, St. Marys, and West Perth and serves the following schools: Holy Name of Mary, St. Marys and St. Patrick's, Dublin.



In Ms. Van Loon's acceptance address to the Board of Trustees, she shared, "I would like to thank my fellow trustees for the opportunity to serve once again as Chair of the Board. We look forward to supporting our system as we work to implement our new strategic plan "on Fire with the Spirit" and to begin to witness and experience the fruits of this important work. It will be a year of transition as we say goodbye to Chris and welcome Karen to her new role as Director of Education. It is a time of great excitement and anticipation.

These past few years have been challenging and unprecedented....they have taught us much about faith and perseverance. Upon reflection, it is evident that during the times of fear and uncertainty; God instilled in us His hope and His faithfulness. During the times of isolation and anxiety; He called us to model His kindness and His compassion. During the times of controversy and division; He has shown us His path to peace. This knowledge fills our hearts and allows us to rejoice in a trust that radiates the light of God's presence.

As we step into this new term, we do so in joy and hope. We have set lofty goals in math, literacy, and faith formation and each of us is called to do our part. We will rise to this challenge, because we know that when we are on fire with the Spirit, we can do hard things! And so we ask for the continued protection and guidance of Our Blessed Mother, and the intercession of St. Brother Andre, as we go forth to fill the hearts and the minds of those entrusted to our care".

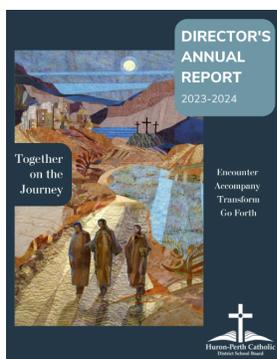


Additionally, at the Annual Board Meeting, Tina Doherty was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board. Beginning her service to the Board as a Trustee in 2014, Ms. Doherty has been in the role of Vice-Chair previously for the Board. Mrs. Doherty represents the area of Stratford and serves the following schools: Jeanne Sauvé, St. Aloysius, St. Joseph's, St. Ambrose, and St. Michael CSS.

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## Director's Annual Report 2023-2024



School boards in Ontario are required to produce an Annual Report in accordance with the Education Act, Section 283(3). The Director of Education reports annually to the Board of Trustees on the activities of the system for the previous academic calendar year. The Director's Annual Report (DAR) includes an overview of the multi-year strategic plan, including the implementation and progress the Board has made as well as the actions the Board is taking in regard to the strategic priority areas for the current year. The Director of Education provides an annual report to the community each year in December.

The Director's Annual Report is a snapshot of the teaching and learning that took place across our system in the 2023-2024 school year. The report includes progress on the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and a summary of the work that took place in relation to our multi-year spiritual theme Together on the Journey emphasizing the notion of accompaniment.

The Director's Annual Report can be found on our Board website [here](#).

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