



HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

District School Board

Newly Elected Trustees

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BELIEF STATEMENT:

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (the Board) believes that we are created in the image and likeness of God and deserving of dignity, we prioritize the needs of the poor and vulnerable, we work together to seek peace and justice, we care for God's creation and we integrate Catholic teaching into our work as governors.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Board that reasonable steps be made to provide resources and training to newly elected trustees of the Board. The Board recognizes that newly elected trustees come with a wide array of backgrounds and have very different learning needs in order to fulfill their roles.

PROCEDURE:

Immediately following the election, the Secretary of the Board shall forward to all new trustees:

- A copy of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan;
- A copy of the General Board Minutes for the previous month;
- Copies of Board By-Laws and Policies; and
- The most recent financial statement.

New trustees shall be invited to all remaining General Meetings held by the Board until their term of office commences. There shall be an orientation meeting(s) provided to acquaint the newly elected trustees with all aspects of the Board's operation.

Newly elected trustees should consider reviewing recent Board Meeting and committee meeting agendas, reports and minutes in order to familiarize themselves with the role of Catholic trustee in advance of their service to the Board.

Newly elected trustees may consider requesting access to the following resources in order to fulfill their duties:

Web links to the following resources:

- Formation resources provided by the Diocese of London
- The Directory for Catechesis (Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops)
- Governance education modules (e.g. OESC modules)
- Resources provided by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
- Resources provided by the Ministry of Education

Newly elected trustees are encouraged to consult with the Chair of the Board and the Director of Education in order to customize their learning plan so that they can contribute effectively as a new Board member.

DEFINITIONS:

- N/A

REFERENCES:

- N/A

RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:

- N/A