

**NCDSB WELCOMES PROVINCIAL COUNTERPARTS TO
CITY WITH A HEART OF GOLD**

Student Success was at the forefront of the agenda yesterday at a gathering of Catholic trustees from throughout Northeastern Ontario. The participants came from Catholic Boards in the Huron-Superior, Nipissing-Parry Sound, Sudbury and Northeastern school districts to take part in the Regional Meeting organized by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA).



NCDSB Chair Colleen Landers (centre) welcomed her colleagues from neighbouring Catholic boards.

The annual gathering provides opportunities for trustees to address local issues and participate in faith and professional development activities. It also serves as an open forum for dialogue in order to advise the association on priorities and recommended courses of action at the provincial level.

OCSTA President John Stunt provided an overview of critical issues that OCSTA is addressing, and facilitated discussion on their impact at the individual board level. Representatives from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat of the Ministry of Education then presented on the Catholic trustees' role in improving student learning and achievement. They provided an overview of the functions of the Secretariat and the resources in place to support improved student achievement.

The Northeastern Catholic District School is pleased to have served as host board this year and welcomed their counterparts to the 'City With A Heart of Gold'. Many of the delegates took advantage of this northern gathering to take in some local sights, including the Shania Twain Centre.

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association is the provincial voice for Catholic education. Founded in 1930, OCSTA represents Catholic school boards that collectively educate approximately 600,000 students in Ontario, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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