

Engaging Parents: Catholic School Symposium

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board hosted the Catholic Schools: Engaging Parents Symposium on November 3rd at O’Gorman High School in Timmins. Over 100 parents, community members, Clergy, teachers, principals and administrative staff from across the district attended the one day workshop that focused on increasing parental involvement within our school communities.

The workshop was originally developed by:

- The Catholic Principal’s Council of Ontario
- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education
- Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association
- Institute for Catholic Education
- Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association
- Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers’ Association
- Ontario Catholic School Business Officials’ Association

The day began with a prayer from Bishop Paul Marchand and opening remarks from Paul Toffanello, Director of Education. The workshop provided an overview and discussion of the history of Catholic education, the Catholic Graduates Expectations, Parental Involvement, our Catholic School Councils, the development of an Action Plan specific to each school community, as well as taking a “shared” leadership approach towards engaging parents and community members in our schools. The Northeastern Catholic District School Board will continue its efforts to provide opportunities for school communities to become engaged in achieving our goal of helping our students reach their full potential.

“Our students are the future. They deserve our best efforts at helping them grow up with character, integrity, courage and a strong sense of right. With our help, they will shape the challenging world that lies ahead.” This Moment of Promise.

