



October 1, 2019

Dear NCDSB Community,

On Friday, September 27, 2019 the Board Chair, Richard Brassard, appeared in court, charged with one count of access to child pornography. Mr. Brassard's arrest came as a shock to us as I imagine it has to you. We are deeply concerned and will provide you with as much information and support as we can over the coming days.

Mr. Brassard's alleged activity was uncovered through routine computer system updates and we immediately notified the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The NCDSB has been cooperating fully since.

I can assure you that Mr. Brassard has no access to any board properties or to board digital equipment. We understand that you will have questions and while we have very little information at this time, please contact Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education at 705.268.7443.

Anyone with information related to this charge is encouraged to contact the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) at 1.888.310.1122.

We pray for all those impacted.

Sincerely,
Tricia Stefanic Weltz
Director of Education