



# NCDSB From the Board Room

OCTOBER 16, 2024



Give thanks  
to the LORD,  
for He is good;  
His love endures  
forever.

Happy  
Thanksgiving

## Policy

The following policies passed second and third reading at this month's meeting of the Board:

- E-9 School Food and Beverage
- F-5 Community Planning and Partnerships
- H-1 Health and Safety
- H-2 Workplace Harassment and Violence Prevention
- P-2 Leave for Political Appointments
- T-9 Director of Education Performance Appraisal

These updated policies can be found on the NCDSB Policy Page [www.ncdsb.on.ca/policies.php](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca/policies.php)

## Staffing News

### Personnel Report

This month the NCDSB welcomed new permanent staff:

- 3 teachers
- 6 support staff



## Student Trustees' Report

Sahayma Omenye presented this month's report from O'Gorman High School. School activities reported on included, Thanksgiving Mass, Terry Fox Walk, Mental Health Awareness, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program.

Classroom activities included visits to Miken Otaski and the Far Northeast Training Board, as well as, Mrs. Shelley's English class' project.

An update on extracurriculars included OFSAA tennis, cross-country running and both girls and boys basketball events.



## Blessed and Beloved

Cristina Corbett, Special Assignment Teacher, shared a wonderful presentation on the Blessed & Beloved program. She described the format of the new program, and demonstrated how educators can access resources online. An implementation plan was also shared for the launch of the Grade 1 program this year, with plans for all grades to have the program in the coming years. Blessed & Beloved is a new Family Life Education program based on the 2023 Ontario Catholic Education Curriculum Policy Document. It is designed to help children recognize God's gift of love and relationships, which are often first experienced in the context of family.



## Summer Learning Program - Aileen Wright

We welcomed Andrea Iserhoff, Principal of Aileen Wright English Catholic School in Cochrane, to present an overview of the summer learning program that was offered to students this past summer. The learners engaged in many different opportunities and activities designed to enhance their literacy and mathematics development. The presentation also included student work samples and data to further demonstrate the positive outcomes of the summer program.

## Enrolment Presentation

The Superintendents of Education provided an overview of enrolment by school. As of October 15, 2024 our overall enrolment was down from projections, which will ultimately have an impact on the 2024-2025 budget. Our current full time equivalent (FTE) statistics show 1962 elementary students and 354 secondary students. We continue to experience a staffing shortage of certified educators in communities across the district, limiting our ability to welcome new students and their families to NCDSB schools.

Next Up - Annual Meeting of the Board - November 20, 2024

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