

TRUSTEES APPROVE 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

Niagara Catholic Trustees approved the Board's 2017-2018 Annual Budget. The Budget, set at \$268,734,758, is balanced without the need to access prior-year surplus funds.

Board Chair Father Paul MacNeil praised the hard work of Director Crocco and his Senior Administrative Team on creating a balanced budget that will fulfil the mandate of our Vision 2020 Strategic plan and the Strategic Directions approved by the Board for 2017-2018.

"We, as a Board of Trustees, are very pleased to present a balanced budget for the 2017-2018 school year, and we are grateful to Niagara Catholic's Senior Administrative Council for the tremendous amount of work that has gone into this document. We are also grateful for the ongoing input we receive from parents, staff, and all our stakeholders. The value of your input cannot be overstated, and we are confident that our balanced budget not only reflects this input, but will allow us to advance student achievement for all and build a strong Catholic identity and community."

Director Crocco also expressed gratitude all those stakeholders who provided valuable input into the 2017-2018 Annual Budget, and recognized the Board of Trustees and Senior Administrative Council for their diligence in working together to achieve a balanced budget without the need to access reserves.

"Throughout the design and approval of the 2017-2018 Annual Budget, we were appreciative of the rich conversations and voices provided by our partners in Catholic education to create an annual budget which provides the funding required to achieve the Board-approved System Priorities, programs, supports and services for our students, families and staff," said Mr. Crocco. "The 2017-2018 Budget actions the Ministry of Education priorities and Board priorities and is in full compliance with Ministry funding."

“Thank you to those who participated in the process, and to all those who had a hand in the creation of a budget which will serve the System throughout 2017-2018. We value your insight, contributions and ongoing support of Catholic education in Niagara.”

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