



Wednesday, December 20th, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School:

On November 29th, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board received a letter from the Trustees of the District School Board of Niagara to consider supporting a proposed joint-use elementary school between St. Elizabeth Catholic, Winger and William E. Brown Public Schools.

In accordance with Board By-Laws, the letter was placed on the December 19th, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda as Correspondence. At the December 19th, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board approved the following motion:

“THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board will engage in initial staff level discussions in the new year on a proposed joint-use school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara; will notify the community of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School of the proposal, and that an initial staff report will be brought to a future Board Meeting for the information and consideration of the Board.”

As part of our open and transparent communication, we wanted to share this information with you promptly following a discussion and decision of the Board at Tuesday night’s Board Meeting. It is important to emphasize that the request for a proposed joint-use school, is just that, a proposal. No decision has been made other than to begin initial staff level exploration discussions with staff at the District School Board of Niagara.

Niagara Catholic follows a process within its Board Policies whereby whenever attendance boundaries are under review, an accommodation review for a school or a proposed joint-use school project is being considered, we fully engage the community or communities impacted by the proposals. We will continue to follow our communication and engagement process with the St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School community once the Board receives an initial staff report for the consideration of the Board.

As we work through this process in the new year, 2018, we will continue to keep all families of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School informed, provide a process to engage in listening to your input and recommendations, answer questions and to keep you updated through open communication and a special tab on the Board website.

On behalf of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018 to your family.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education

cc. Board of Trustees, Niagara Catholic District School Board
Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education - Planning, Niagara Catholic District School Board
Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education - Family of Schools, Niagara Catholic DSB