



NCDSB From the Board Room

OCTOBER 15, 2025



St. Joseph Child Care Centre Grand Opening and Blessing



We proudly shared that the official grand opening of the new childcare centre at St. Joseph School took place on October 15, 2025 – a project more than eight years in the making. The event brought together school and childcare staff, community leaders, YMCA partners, and representatives from the City of Timmins and MPP George Pirie's office. The celebration reflected the strength of our community partnerships, the perseverance of all involved, and our shared commitment to supporting families and early learners. This childcare centre marks a hopeful new chapter for St. Joseph School and beautifully demonstrates our vision of NCDSB as a place where we all belong.

Policy

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

- C-3 Community Use of Schools
- E-30 Student Transportation
- I-1 Video Surveillance
- P-1 Long Term leave Without Pay
- P-16 Resolution of Complaints
- P-19 Right to Disconnect from Work
- T-14 Trustee Support Services

These updated policies have been posted on our Policy Page at www.ncdsb.on.ca/policies.php.

Student Trustees' Report

Student trustees, Alex Turcotte and Jacob Dunkley, presented their October Board report from O'Gorman High School. It has been a busy start to the new school year! School activities highlighted included, the Human Handshake, Terry Fox Walk, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Grade 9 Retreat, and the Thanksgiving School Mass. Extracurricular coverage featured golf, tennis and girls' basketball, as well as OHS clubs such as the Art Club, OSO (Student Council) and HOSA. The report also featured wonderful activities from four different classrooms.

Mental Health Strategies

The Trustees received a presentation relating to the NCDSB Mental Health Strategy and learned more about the key focus areas for the three-year plan and then specific information was shared about the 2025-2026 action plan. Over the course of this school year, we remain committed to enhancing leadership development relating to student mental health, focusing on accessible and flexible everyday practices, addressing pathways, community, connections and supports, promoting student engagement and agency, and providing our families with opportunities to enhance their mental health literacy. The full plan is available on the Mental Health & Well-Being page of the Board's website.

Artificial Intelligence

The Board of Trustees received a report on NCDSB's ongoing work to understand and integrate artificial intelligence (AI) within our Catholic school system. Based on feedback from 249 staff survey responses, we developed Guiding Principles for the Ethical and Responsible Use of AI, grounded in our values of achievement, community, faith, inclusivity, and respect. Our next steps focus on professional learning, clear communication, and thoughtful implementation. As we engage in provincial and regional networks, we remain committed to using AI in ways that enhance – not replace – the human relationships and faith-based learning central to Catholic education.

2025-2026 Revised Estimates

Trustees engaged in a focused discussion about priorities to be addressed in the revised budget, reflecting their important role in providing financial oversight and ensuring responsible stewardship of Board resources. Their input will help guide decisions that align funding with system priorities and support the continued success and well-being of students across the NCDSB.

Staffing News

This month the NCDSB welcomed new permanent staff:

- three support staff

Three retirements and six resignations were also accepted with regret.

Welcome
Elvin, Miriam and Rhianna

Best Wishes
Gino, Barry and Joelle



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