



# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

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## TRANSITION UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

September 20, 2016

*This communique is designed to share information with families who will be impacted by the upcoming consolidation of schools, set to take place in September 2017. We intend to use this strategy to keep families informed of progress being made and the next steps for action.*

### TRANSITION TEAM

A team of leaders has been formed to work through the transition process. Team members include:

- ★ Erika Adam, Manager of Financial Services
- ★ Darren Berthier, Principal (Sacred Heart School)
- ★ Louis Clausi, OECTA
- ★ Roslyn Gauthier, Principal (O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School)
- ★ David Horton, Manager of Plant
- ★ Michele Mahaffy, CUPE
- ★ Andrew Marks, Community Relations Officer
- ★ Betty Pichette, Principal (St. Paul School)
- ★ Erica Raymond, Vice-Principal (St. Paul School)
- ★ Tricia Weltz, Superintendent of Education

The Transition Team has now met twice – once in June and then again in early September. The team is identifying issues that need to be addressed as we continue our journey towards consolidation of Timmins elementary schools.

### BUILDING UPGRADES

#### ***Application for Funds – Renovations for Kindergarten to Grade 4 School***

In July, the senior staff submitted an application for funds to support the renovations needed at the new Kindergarten to Grade 4 school. We have not yet heard back, but will keep our school communities up to date on our progress in this regard. We do hope that we are successful in receiving significant funds to support plans for renovation to the school.

#### ***O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School***

The grounds of the school received some much needed care this summer. We are pleased with the new front yard and paving that helped to beautify OICS. Extensive renovations to OICS are not currently needed, in preparation for the consolidation of schools.

### SCHOOL NAMING

The Transition Team has agreed that the Grade 5-8 school will remain known as O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School. In the same way, the school will continue to be identified as the “Junior Knights”.

The Kindergarten to Grade 4 school however, will undergo a naming process and will later identify appropriate school colours and an accompanying mascot. It is our hope and intention to build a new school community for staff, students, and their families. We are currently confirming the school-naming process to be followed, but we do expect to unveil the new school name at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Board Meeting. More details on this exciting process to come shortly!

## **COMMUNICATION**

We expect to have a dedicated section on our board website to share up-to-date information for our stakeholders. We encourage you to visit our website often – [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) - to learn more about our progress in this consolidation of schools.

Also, Principals will be asked to include short segments in monthly newsletters. This will ensure that information is being shared across all schools impacted by the transition plans.

You are also invited to contact your child's Principal if you have any questions. If your Principal cannot provide an immediate answer, please know that he or she will find the information you need from the Transition Team. It is important that we have open lines of communication and that we work together to ensure a positive experience for everyone through this process.