



# York Catholic District School Board

## Media Release

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### **MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN PROVIDES FOCUS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE**

*York Catholic District School Board launches new Multi-Year Strategic Plan*

The York Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the approval of its Multi-Year Strategic Plan, a comprehensive blueprint that outlines the Board's priorities and direction for the future. The Multi-Year Strategic Plan includes the Board's new Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Commitments.

Last spring, as part of the development of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the Board invited the participation and feedback from key stakeholder groups including parents, students, staff, clergy, alumni and community members. This collaborative approach helped the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan Steering Committee identify strengths within the school board and opportunities that it could leverage to better serve its students, parents, staff and school communities.

The feedback helped shape the York Catholic District School Board's Mission and Vision, which are:

**Mission:** *Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.*

**Vision:** *Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.*

Stakeholder feedback also helped to establish the Board's Core Values: *Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, and Respect.*

"Our new Mission and Vision speak to our Catholic Values and Gospel Virtues. We feel strongly that through our partnership with home and Church, our students will reach their full potential for success now and in the future," says Patricia Preston, Director of Education. "Our Multi-Year Strategic Plan was largely influenced by our stakeholder feedback. Top priorities, as identified by our stakeholders include: ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming places; striving for high student achievement; ensuring there is equity of opportunity for all students, and providing meaningful faith formation for all students and staff. We have established four Strategic Commitments that are directly aligned with this feedback."

The Board's Strategic Commitments are:

- *Integration of Our Catholic Faith;*
- *Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement;*
- *Effective Use of Our Resources;* and
- *Engaging Our Communities.*

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will guide and inform the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, the School Improvement Plans, all of the Board's department and operational plans, as well as shape the Board budget.

"We thank everyone who has provided input into the plan, and we encourage the York Catholic community to become familiar with our Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Commitments," said Elizabeth Crowe, Chair of the Board. "We remain dedicated to building on our strengths but we will also work toward improving our schools in the areas where suggestions were offered. The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually to ensure the goals of the plan are being met and that our resources are effectively aligned to meet the needs of all students."

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Further information on the York Catholic District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan is available at <http://www.ycdsb.ca/strategicplan/>.

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