

BREA CORBET
TRUSTEE - MISSISSAUGA, WARDS 9 AND 10

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1



June 2019

In June, the virtue of **FAIRNESS** calls us, as a Catholic community, to treat others with mercy, to be open-minded, act justly and contribute to the common good.

I have enjoyed serving in the first year of my four year term, as your elected Catholic School Trustee. I am blessed to work in our publicly funded Catholic Education system. I chose to enter politics and governance because I value Catholic Education and *because our children only get one childhood*. I'm passionate about being involved in our schools. It has been my pleasure to attend school events and activities with our students, including school Masses, liturgies, Virtue Assemblies, chess tournaments, math events, guest speakers, arts events, sports tournaments and Eco initiatives to name a few. I am proud to be a part of our Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB).

- **Graduates:** Congratulations to all of our DPCDSB graduating students! As you continue your journey of life-long learning may the foundation of our Catholic faith uphold and guide you. I look forward to attending the upcoming graduation ceremonies for our Grade 8 and Grade 12 students this month, in Wards 9 and 10.
- **Update:** DPCDSB continues to work through the detailed GSN (Grants for Student Needs) calculations. Although released late in the year, the GSN is similar to the original March 15 announcement made by the Minister of Education. At this time, we estimate a preliminary reduction on a year-over-year basis, of over \$15 million. This reduction reflects the impact of changes in class size, elimination of Local Priority Funding (LPF) and other grant reductions. Position reductions that have been enacted as part of the staffing procedures for 2019-2020 have been accomplished by attrition and transfer, with no layoffs.

We are reviewing all feedback from our public consultation process, as well as all program and service areas. Identifying expenditure reductions and efficiencies that would be required is a priority for our Board to propose a balanced budget. A report on public consultation will be presented at the upcoming June 4th - Administration and Finance Committee meeting. Any further information updates and consultations we receive from the Ministry will be shared with school communities in a timely manner.

- **Feedback:** DPCDSB invites parents/guardians to share their feedback about our website www.dpcdsb.org effective until June 28, 2019. Your feedback will help us identify opportunities to improve our communication efforts and to ensure meaningful change. Link to survey: <https://bit.ly/2SKcCzw>
- **Meetings:** A Special Admin and Finance meeting will be held on Monday June 17 which will be open to the public. This meeting will include the Proposed 2019-2020 Budget for a) the proposed operating budget and b) the proposed capital budget. All are welcome to attend the DPCDSB Board and Committee meetings held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Education Centre-40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for: June 4 – Administration and Finance Committee; June 11 – Faith and Program Committee; June 18 – Board of Trustees Meeting. In addition, For more information and meeting minutes, please visit www.dpcdsb.org and click on the News tab.
- **Public Budget Consultation Webcast:** Please refer to the Questions and Answers from the April 24 webcast on the DPCDSB website link: <https://bit.ly/2Wvod6w>

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- **Plant a Tree:** The One Million Trees Initiative was launched to help the City of Mississauga plant one million trees by 2032. Trees are important to the environment, health and quality of life in our city and for future generations. This summer, your family can help! When you plant a tree on your private property, or participate in a planting program, you can have it count towards our One Million Trees goal. Visit www.onemilliontrees.ca for more information. You are one in a million.
- **Eden Food for Change:** Summer months are when food banks are shortest on food, but, the need continues in our community. Visit website: edenffc.org for most needed items. Call: 905-785-3651. Drop off food to either 3185 Unity Drive - unit 2, or 3051 Battleford Rd. Both locations are in Mississauga. Thank you for your support!
- **Community Bulletin Board:** For opportunities and activities to support your children this summer, please visit <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/community-bulletin-board>
- **Heartfelt thanks to each of you:** To our school administrators, teachers and staff, members of Catholic School Councils, parent volunteers, lunch monitors, custodians, bus drivers, crossing guards, etc we thank you! Our thanks extend to our parish priests for leading us in worship at school and connecting home and parish with our Catholic faith. Every person our children meet along the way, makes a difference in their lives in so many ways. And to the students, you are teaching us and we are also learning from you...every day.
- **School resumes Tuesday, September 3:** On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our thoughts and prayers go with you and your families. May you have a safe, healthy and fun summer break. God bless you all.

Yours in learning, growing and leading with Christ,

- Trustee Brea Corbet

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