



“The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.”

MEMO: Director’s Memorandum – DM 256 (A) (2019-2020)

MEMO TO: All Students, Parents/Guardians

FROM: John Crocco, Director of Education
Senior Administrative Council

DATE: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

RE: **THOUGHTEXCHANGE DISTANCE LEARNING – JUNE 2020**



As we continue on the journey of distance learning during the current school closures, we are extending an invitation to all students, parents/guardians, staff, pastors and supporters of Catholic education in Niagara to participate in a *Thoughtexchange* on distance learning in Niagara Catholic.

As we continue to implement *Niagara Catholic’s Continuity of Distance Learning Plan* until at least the end of June and plan for the fall, we have partnered with *Thoughtexchange* to provide an online, open, interactive and transparent process to invite input from students, parents/guardians, staff and members of our community who support Catholic education as we continue to adapt to teaching, learning and supporting in a virtual environment.

You are invited to participate in this *Thoughtexchange* which will assist us in reviewing what has worked well and what we need to improve on as we plan together for the future. *Thoughtexchange* will provide Board staff with a summary report of all feedback. Your voice is important to assist us in designing our plan for the months ahead and for the reopening of schools.

After you respond to a few introductory questions, participants will be asked to respond to the following open-ended question – *“During school closures, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has implemented a continuity of learning distance education plan. What are your thoughts on what has worked well and what do we need to improve on as we plan together for the future of distance education?”*

Through the sharing of thoughts from other participants, assign stars based on how much you agree/disagree or how important you feel the ideas are from others in the Niagara Catholic community. Your thoughts and stars are confidential. *Thoughtexchange* has provided information and guidelines on how to participate.

Please join in the exchange of ideas as we share, and learn from students, parents, pastors and staff. The *Thoughtexchange* will be open until June 15th and participants can return to the link at any time to add additional thoughts and consider/rate more of the thoughts of others.

Thank you for lending your voice, thoughts and ideas as we learn what has worked well and what we need to improve on as we build a plan for the fall. Click [here](#) to participate in the *Thoughtexchange* or click on the link from the *Thoughtexchange* panel on the Board website.

Stay healthy and look after yourself, your families and each other.