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MEDIA RELEASE

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Larry Huibers, Dan Moody, Return as Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board held its Annual Organizational Meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on December 7, 2021.

Larry Huibers, elected in 2018 as a trustee for St. Catharines, was re-elected as Chair for 2022. Dan Moody, elected in 2018 as a trustee for Niagara Falls, was re-elected Vice-Chair. In each case, the vote was settled by drawing straws.

During his remarks, Chair Huibers focused on the future.

"In this season of Advent, as we look forward to celebrating the blessed arrival of Jesus, we have reason to look forward with great optimism of what can be," he said.

"What can be is a great educational and spiritual experience for all the students and their families.

"What can be is a recognition of the strength the community can bring to make Catholic education a positive experience.

"What can be is the foundation for all students to achieve their highest potential.

"What can be is the reward staff realize in following their vocation to making a difference, in whatever role they play within the Niagara Catholic environment."

Vice-Chair Moody noted the learning that has taken place in the past year and thanked God.

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“It’s been a heck of an experience over the last year,” he said. “As Chair Huibers said, it’s a learning experience, one that we grow. I thank everybody and most of all I thank God. The Bishop once said, when we had a meeting, when do we think about God. That’s a good question. I think about God when I get up, and when I go to bed. I came up with the initials GC – Grateful Catholic. I’m a very grateful Catholic, and for that, it guides me in the job I do today.

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano congratulated Chair Huibers and Vice-Chair Moody on their re-election.

“This year has been a challenging one in education in Ontario, but I am extremely proud of the work our Board has done to advance Catholic education in Niagara,” said Director Cipriano. “We have ratified local collective agreements with our unions, worked collaboratively to ensure that student education thrives as we hopefully wind down the global COVID-19 pandemic, and, most importantly, we came together to create a dynamic and vibrant multi-year strategic plan that will support students for the next five years. I look forward to working with you both as members of Executive Council again this year.

Read Chair Huibers’ full remarks [here](#).

Read Vice-Chair Moody’s full remarks [here](#).