

NIAGARA CATHOLIC TRUSTEES APPROVE \$294-MILLION 2023-2024 BUDGET

During the June 20 Board Meeting, Niagara Catholic's Board of Trustees approved the Board's \$294-million 2023-2024 budget. This represents an increase over the \$279-million 2022-2023 budget and focuses on early reading, mathematics, Indigenous education, mental health, and funding for de-streaming.

Key additional investments in the 2023-2024 budget include:

- \$1.05M for staffing to support de-streaming and transition to high school
- \$1 M for Indigenous education priorities
- \$738,000 for the Math Recovery Plan
- \$689,000 for education staff to support reading interventions

"Niagara Catholic's Senior Staff worked very hard to have a fiscally responsible budget for the 2023-2024 school year," said Danny Di Lorenzo, Chair of the Board. "We have placed a focus on the important transition between elementary school and high school, mental health supports, and Indigenous education, as well as ensuring that students have a strong foundation in key areas, such as reading, writing and mathematics."

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano thanked everyone who helped to create the 2023-2024 budget.

"The Board's 2023-2024 budget was created after consultation with a number of stakeholders," said Director Cipriano. "With this valuable input, we were able to ensure that the financial resources are in place for priorities in the next school year. We will continue to monitor spending and adapt as necessary to address any emerging needs. I am grateful to everyone who added their voice to our budget process, so we can be confident that we are meeting the needs of students and staff in the coming year."

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