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CHRIST-CENTERED
CATHOLIC FAITH community
that celebrates diversity
and fosters SPIRITUAL GROWTH,
inspiring ALL to REACH
their FULL potential in
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ENCOUNTERING SOULS
AND OPENING MINDS
SO that all students
SUCCEED

DANNY DI LORENZO, RHIANON BURKHOLDER ACCLAIMED CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AT ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

During the December 5, Annual Organizational Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, Danny Di Lorenzo and Rhianon Burkholder were acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for 2024.

During his remarks, Chair Di Lorenzo thanked his fellow trustees for their confidence in him and focused on continuing the positive work started in the Board's first term.

"Our current focus on the strategic plan reflects our commitment to enhancing the educational experience of every student entrusted in our care," he said. "By working together, we can improve and create an environment where our faith is of the utmost importance in the development of every child. I am confident that through our collective efforts, we will make decisions that will support our students' academic achievement, spiritual growth, and mental wellbeing."

Vice-Chair Burkholder also focused on the importance of putting students first.

"This is an opportunity for us to serve in our faith and continue to advocate for Catholic education," she said. Collaboratively, with Chair Di Lorenzo, trustees, we can all make a difference."

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano congratulated Chair Di Lorenzo and Vice-Chair Burkholder on being acclaimed to second terms.

"Congratulations to Chair Di Lorenzo and Vice-Chair Burkholder on their acclamations as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for 2024. It has been my privilege to work with the Chair and Vice-Chair for the past year as Niagara Catholic's Executive Council, and I have been impressed with their focus on what is best for students and staff," said Director Cipriano. "While there have been challenges, our focus has always been on ensuring that Niagara Catholic provides programs, supports, and services that are in the best interest of our students, and ensuring our staff feel supported in all that they do. I am confident that we will continue that focus this year, and I look forward to our continued collaboration in 2024."

Read Chair Di Lorenzo's and Vice-Chair Burkholder's full remarks below.

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Chair Di Lorenzo – Full remarks

I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been re-elected Chair of the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Your support and vote of confidence mean a great deal to me, and I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for entrusting me with this important responsibility.

As we embark on this journey together, I want to acknowledge the collective dedication of the entire Board to the mission, vision, and commitment of Catholic education. The trust you have placed in me is not taken lightly, and I am committed to working collaboratively with the other trustees to advance our shared goals.

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As we move forward, accountability and transparency will be paramount. Open communication and a clear understanding of our responsibilities will strengthen our ability to serve the families who have placed their trust in Niagara Catholic. Our goal is to support every child in reaching their fullest potential.

Equity and inclusion are fundamental principles that guide our faith, and they shall remain the cornerstone of this Board. In making decisions that impact students, we must always prioritize what is best for every individual. One of the top priorities of this Board is to ensure that no student is ever left behind.

I look forward to the upcoming year with optimism and enthusiasm. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and their families. I am honoured to serve as your Chair and am eager to collaborate with each of you to build upon our successes and strive for continuous improvement.

Once again, thank you for your trust and confidence.

Vice-Chair Burkholder – Full remarks

I would like to start by thanking my fellow trustees in entrusting me with the position of Vice-Chair. I promise I won't let you down.

This is an opportunity for all of us to serve in our faith and continue to advocate for Catholic education. Collaboratively, as Danny said, with Chair Di Lorenzo, my fellow trustees, we can make a difference. I believe that we always do the best for Niagara Catholic, our community, staff, and, most importantly, our students.

Thank you again.