## TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2023

**PUBLIC SESSION** 

TITLE: TRUSTEE EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As elected officials, school trustees are guardians of the public trust. The establishment of a distinct trustee expense policy by school boards to promote financial integrity, accountability and transparency improves public confidence in Ontario's public education system.

It is the responsibility of individual Trustees to submit reasonably related specific expenses incurred in the role and responsibility of Catholic Trustees ensuring that all expenses claimed by Trustees are associated with the responsibilities of a Board member in compliance with the Education Act, Regulations and Board Policy.

Pursuant to the Education Act, Boards may establish a policy in order to reimburse trustees for all or part out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred in connection with carrying out the responsibilities of a board member.

In accordance with Niagara Catholic's Board Policy #100.13 Trustee expenses and reimbursement (Appendix A), it is required that all Trustee expenses for the previous year will be posted annually on the Board website and reported publicly to the Board before December 31 of the current year. Expenses are reported under the following categories:

- a. Office equipment
- b. Office supplies
- c. Conference and workshops
- d. Travel for Board sanctioned business
- e. Miscellaneous Other costs

As required by the Education Act, the Boarder Public Sector Expenses Directive and Board Policy, all Expense Reports for each Trustee will remain on the Board website for one year after the expiry of the term of office.

Attached to the report is Appendix A, which provides the Trustee expenses for the previous fiscal year 2022-2023.

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