



## Ontario Catholic School Business Officials Association

Association des administrateurs et des administratrices d'affaires des écoles catholiques de l'Ontario  
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# YOUR ASSOCIATION IN ACTION

## President's Message...

Happy November everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well and the challenges of the 2019/2020 school year continues to provide unique career experiences and opportunities for all of you. At the November Board of Director's meeting, I was appointed as your OCSBOA President for a second term. I look forward to the privilege of serving the members of OCSBOA until after the 2020 conference.

There have been a few other changes on our Board of Directors. I'd like to first start by congratulating Khaled Elgharbawy (Toronto Catholic) as our new Vice President. Please also welcome Andrea Swinden (Halton Catholic) and Betty Stavropoulos (Toronto Catholic) as new members on the OCSBOA Board of Directors. Their fresh perspectives and new ideas will be welcome additions to our team and in serving the interests of the Association.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to our outgoing Board members, Siobhan Alexis (Toronto Catholic), Jessica Dalinda (Toronto Catholic) and Emma Moynihan (Toronto Catholic) for their dedicated service to our Association.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, our Catholic Director's of Education, and all of our corporate sponsors for their continued support of our organization. Through all of your support, OCSBOA has weathered the storm of having to cancel our October 2019 conference and we will be a stronger organization because of it.

I sincerely hope that OCSBOA will play a role in helping you to achieve your 2019/2020 goals. OCSBOA offers several committees, which can assist you with networking, professional development and collaborating with other Catholic School Board colleagues throughout the province. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for this year and please plan to join us at our annual conference in October 2020.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"

St. Catherine of Siena

Joe O'Hara, OCSBOA President

### OCSBOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-20

President	Joe O'Hara, Halton
Vice-President	Khaled Elgharbawy, Toronto
Past President	Kevin Sun, Dufferin-Peel
Directors:	Jacquie Davison, London
	Michael Gray, York
	Cathy McCabe, Dufferin-Peel
	Stephanie Cox, Dufferin-Peel
	Andrea Swinden, Halton
	Betty Stavropoulos, Toronto
Executive-Director	Peter Marchini <a href="mailto:marchinip@sympatico.ca">marchinip@sympatico.ca</a>

### OCSBOA COMMITTEE REPS

OCSTA	Joe O'Hara
OCSOA	Jacquie Davison, Joe O'Hara
ICE	Kevin Sun
Ministry Liaison	Joe O'Hara
Human Resources	Michael Gray
CEFO	Paul DeCock
Conference	All Board Members
Membership	All Board Members
Business Facilities & Planning	Stephanie Cox, Khaled Elgharbawy
Strategic Communications	Andrea Swinden, Halton

### Check out the OCSBOA Website for:

- OCSBOA, Catholic Organizations and corporate partners' newsletters
- committee meeting dates and minutes,
- employment postings
- general news about boards and members!

[www.ocsboa.ca](http://www.ocsboa.ca)

### 2019 Conference Vests

OCSBOA is grateful for the generous donation of vests, embroidered with OCSBOA logo, by 2019 Conference Sponsor, RJ McCarthy Uniforms. Regrettably, due to labour issues, the conference was cancelled. However, for those members who registered for the Conference, the McCarthy vests will be distributed/delivered.



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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR.....

#### OCSBOA 2020 CONFERENCE

Sept 30-Oct 2, 2020  
Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood

Plans are underway for our 2020 Annual Conference. More details will be provided!

Want to get a \$75 discount on the 2020 registration fee? If you were registered for the 2019 conference, then register for 2020 and you will save \$75!!

Register for the 2020 Conference and be eligible for and \$250 early bird draw – deadline will be July 15, 2020.

Watch for Conference Registrations forms!

### OCSBOA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019-20

(attached)

Return your Membership Form by April 30 and be eligible for a \$250 restaurant gift certificate – to be awarded at the 2019 Conference.

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION AND RETURN THE FORM TODAY!

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION AND PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP AMONG YOUR COLLEAGUES!

### Catholic Partner Scheduled Dates:

CEO/CFO Conference:	Jan 21-23, 2020
OCSOA Retreat:	Feb 5-7, 2020
CPCO AGM:	Apr 17-18, 2020
OCSOA AGM:	Apr 22-24, 2020
OCSTA AGM:	Apr 30 - May 2, 2020
Catholic Education Week:	May 3-8, 2020
OCSBOA AGM:	Sept 30-Oct 2, 2020
CCC WFMP Conference:	Oct 22-24, 2020

### Upcoming Meeting Dates & Main Contact

December 13, 2019 HR Committee Hamilton-Wentworth  
CDSB - Michael Gray

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – November 13, 2019

At its scheduled November meeting, the OCSBOA Board of Directors:

- 2019-20 President: Joe O'Hara, Halton
- 2019-20 Vice-President: Khaled Elgharbawy
- Approved \$75 discounted conference fee for those members who registered for the 2019 Conference
- Reviewed Keynote Speaker and Presenters for the 2020 OCSBOA Conference

### CCSTA (CANADIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION)

President Paula Scott and Vice-President PATRICK DALY took office at the CCSTA's AGM in June 2019.

Patrick has been a long-time supporter of OCSBOA. He was the recipient of OCSBOA's Honorary Member Award in 2018. We extend congratulations to Patrick as he continues to champion Catholic Education!

### MEMBER PROFILE: BREANNE BRADSHAW, SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE & BUSINESS SERVICES, ALGONQUIN & LAKESHORE CDSB



Breanne has a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a specialization in accounting from the University of Ottawa where she graduated in 2008. She worked with a local accounting firm in Ottawa from 2006-2009 and she obtained her Chartered Accountant designation in 2009. Soon thereafter, she relocated to Kingston, Ontario, where she joined the accounting firm KPMG. In this position, she worked predominantly with public sector clients including hospitals, municipalities and school boards.

Breanne first joined ALCDS in 2017 as the Assistant Manager of Financial Services after being a member of the Board's external audit team for a number of years. Subsequently, when the Manager of Financial Services retired in February of 2019, Breanne took on this role. In October 2019, Breanne then accepted the position of Superintendent of Finance and Business Services for the Board. Breanne currently oversees the areas of Accounting, Procurement, Payroll, Facilities Planning, Plant Operations

& Maintenance and Transportation Services.

When not at work, Breanne spends most of her time cheering on her kids at one of their sporting events.

Welcome to OCSBOA, Breanne!



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### Community Planning and Partnerships

#### *Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board & Ecosource at St Hilary Catholic Elementary School in Mississauga*

On an annual basis, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB), identifies space in underutilized schools that is appropriate for use by a community partner. This process takes place through the Community Planning and Partnership (CPP) initiative. In 2016 DPCDSB was approached by Ecosource, a not-for-profit organization that focuses on environmental stewardship by engaging the community and working with community groups, school boards, and the local municipality, in search of space for their administrative offices, commercial kitchen and an outdoor garden area. St. Hilary Catholic Elementary School, one of the underutilized schools identified through CPP, ticked all of the boxes in terms of space requirements and location for Ecosource. The school was operating at a utilization rate below 60%, with over 200 excess pupil places. The entire second floor had been shuttered and access to the space was separate from other areas of the school, making it an ideal option for potential partners. The space allowed for the complete separation of the partner from the rest of the school, meeting the primary priority of DPCDSB, which was the safety and security of the students.

At the time that discussion of the DPCDSB/Ecosource partnership commenced, the Ministry of Education announced the Community Hubs funding initiative. DPCDSB was able to capitalize on this funding source to retrofit the space for Ecosource including the renovation of three classrooms into office space the construction of a commercial kitchen, an outdoor garden and naturalized play space, and the creation of additional parking spaces. A separate security system and swipe card access was installed to maintain this separation. DPCDSB and Ecosource are currently in the second year of a five-year license agreement. The license agreement provides the framework for this partnership, including terms of use, cost-recovery fees, security, DPCDSB/Ecosource responsibilities and insurance.

Ecosource has engaged tens of thousands of DPCDSB students in environmental education since the 1980s. DPCDSB is very excited to have Ecosource as a community partner at St. Hilary, and to increase opportunities for students and families to participate in hands-on sustainability education programs



**WELCOME 2019 CORPORATE MEMBERS...**

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### ***CEFO MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 – OCSBOA REP: PAUL DECOCK, TORONTO CDSB MONK AWARD***

In recognition of Michael Monk's 40 years of service to Catholic education, locally, provincially, and internationally, this award honors a Catholic elementary or secondary school that has led the way by implementing exemplary innovative program(s) to improve the learning of their students. The award recipient must display a sustained commitment to existing student engagement through a new initiative designed to further engage its student community. This award is jointly funded and administered by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association and the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario. For 2019, the award is set at \$4000.00.

Ottawa's St Francis Xavier's High School was awarded the Michael Monk Award to create a 'Pathway to Reconciliation'. With the guidance of a First Nations Elder, St. Francis Xavier has been involved in creating an adaptation of the traditional Stations of the Cross which invites prayerful reflection on the relationship between our faith and the experiences of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

View the project at:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10QJCyjpcRbPrfCLDTcrvHsT9BniutR\\_y](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10QJCyjpcRbPrfCLDTcrvHsT9BniutR_y)

### ***SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK...***

Thanks to **ROB DE FRANCO**, Creative Design Office, Strategic Communications Services, Halton CDSB, for his efforts in re-designing the OCSBOA logo!

In the first version, the trillium is shown in full colour, (stained glass concept), while in the second version, the Trillium is a simple green and white.

Your comments/feedback are greatly appreciated! Send to Peter Marchini or Joe O'Hara.



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**MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019-20**

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

**PERSONAL DATA:**

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Title</i>	
<i>Board</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>City</i>	
<i>Postal Code</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	

**COMMITTEE INTEREST:**

*The Board of Directors has developed a new committee structure in order to meet the needs of Catholic School Business Officials. Typically, committees meet approximately four (4) - six (6) times a year:*

COMMITTEE	√
<i>Membership Services – this committee will develop services that can be provided to members to enhance value of OCSBOA for all members: some examples include workshops, seminars, communications</i>	
<i>Conference – this committee will develop the conference program and will aim to provide current and relevant topics to members at the conference</i>	
<i>OCSTA Liaison – this committee will provide support as needed by Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association including members for workgroups, committees and OCSTA/ OCSBOA Finance Seminar</i>	
<i>Ministry of Education Liaison – this committee will consult with the Ministry of Education on current business &amp; finance issues and will provide feedback to OCSBOA and its members.</i>	
<i>Business Facilities &amp; Planning – this committee will provide a forum to address items specific to Catholic boards. This committee will facilitate collaborative sharing of our collective expertise and knowledge with our colleagues while ensuring the perspective of Catholic Education is paramount.</i>	
<i>Strategic Communications – the committee will meet three or four times a year to share ideas and develop best practices for communications within the context of publicly-funded Catholic education</i>	
<i>Human Resources – this committee will provide a wide range of consultative services to OCSBOA members in the areas of negotiations, benefits, arbitrations, contract language, Health &amp; Safety, etc.</i>	
<i>Board of Directors – chart the future of OCSBOA by participation as a Director</i>	

Membership Fee: (September to August): \$210.00 (\$185.85 + \$24.15 HST)

Please make cheque payable to *Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association* and return this form with your fee to:  
Peter Marchini, 1190 Beals St., Windsor, Ontario N9E 4A4

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_