



TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY AUGUST 2026

"On Fire with the Spirit: Awaken! Illuminate! Rejoice!"

Awaken: Strengthening Catholic Faith and Community

- **Faith Formation and Guest Speakers:** The Board reviewed Policy P2.2.12 (Guest Speakers at Schools). Guest speakers help extend Catholic formation, align with the curriculum, and reflect Catholic Church teachings. Parents will receive advance notice of school-wide events. This initiative supports students in becoming *discerning believers* rooted in their faith community.
- **Faith-Filled Governance:** Trustees and staff began the meeting with prayers and condolences for board families. They prayed for guidance as missionary disciples entering the new school year under the theme "On Fire with the Spirit".

Illuminate: Elevating Academic Achievement

- **Consistent Curriculum Resources:** The Board approved buying Edwin software licenses from Nelson Education Ltd. for \$33.32 per student (Grades 1–12), costing about \$133,880. This Ministry-funded tool gives all classrooms high-quality, consistent learning materials.
- **Summer Learning Success:** The Secondary Summer School program had 281 students earn 277 credits, reaching an impressive 98.6% pass rate. Courses included Grade 10 Civics and Careers, English, and Co-op. Additionally, 42 recent Grade 8 graduates earned high school credits early. This helps students grow into *self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners*.

Rejoice: Fostering Student Success and Well-being

- **Health and Safety Update:** The Board reviewed the annual Health and Safety Report. To keep schools safe, 46 staff members completed First Aid training, and playground safety programs were expanded. Staff also received Naloxone and Opioid awareness training.
- **Support for Families:** Updates were shared on the new Student and Family Support Office (SFSO). The office helps families resolve concerns quickly, promising an acknowledgment within two business days. The Ministry gave HPCDSB's plan a perfect 10/10 score.

Governance and Operations

Policy Reviews (Updates in Progress):

- **Policy Video Surveillance (P3.1.5):** Formally approved to protect student and staff safety while respecting privacy rights under provincial law.

Policy Approvals:

- **Emergency & Lockdown (P2.1.6):** Reviewed to update plain language safety terms (Lockdown, Hold and Secure, Shelter in Place) and require at least two practice drills per year.
- **Deferred Salary Leave Plan (P3.4.2):** Reviewed to align self-funded leave options with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.
- **Recognition of Continuous Service (P3.4.5):** Reviewed to update how retiring staff are celebrated for their years of continuous service, recognizing every season of life as a gift from God.

Budget & Operations:

- **Business Continuity Plan:** Staff work closely with MNP to develop a plan to keep schools running smoothly during unexpected disruptions like power outages, system failures, or staffing shortages.
- **Financial Position:** Expenditures for the 2025–2026 school year stayed on budget, with 76.4% of total funds spent as of May 31, 2026. The Board also approved BDO Canada LLP as its external auditor for the next five years.

These Operational efforts ensure trustees act as *responsible citizens* by managing board resources wisely to serve all students and staff.

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