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### ***DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019***

The Board of Trustees received a report at tonight's Board meeting regarding principal and vice principal assignments for September 2019.

"A number of changes are required this year due to the retirements of three principals, a vice principal and the closing of St. Joseph Catholic School in Chatham and the consolidation of students and staff at St. Ursula," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education.

"As an organization, St. Clair is blessed with many solid and capable Catholic leaders, who will bring their many gifts and abilities to their new school communities," says Mrs. Crawford.

The principal and vice principal appointments are as follows:

1. Mark Renaud, Principal, St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia is appointed to Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia;
2. Rob Cicchelli, Ministry of Education secondment is appointed to Principal, St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia;
3. Stacy Shepley, Principal, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim is appointed to Principal, St. Elizabeth Catholic School, Wallaceburg.
4. Liz Gibson, Principal, St. Elizabeth Catholic School, Wallaceburg is appointed to Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School, Chatham;
5. Mary Ann McCrae, Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School, Chatham is appointed to Vice Principal, Ursuline College, Chatham;
6. Julie Knight, Principal, St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown is appointed to Principal, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim;
7. Jen Morrow, Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton is appointed to Principal, St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown;
8. Derek Morrison, Vice Principal, Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, Sarnia and Holy Trinity Catholic School, Sarnia is appointed to Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton;
9. Kerri Jordan, Numeracy Support Teacher – Elementary is appointed to Vice Principal, Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, Sarnia and Holy Trinity Catholic School, Sarnia.
10. Jeanne Girard, Principal, St. Agnes Catholic School, Chatham is appointed to Principal, St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury;
11. Adrien Gagnier, Principal, St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham is appointed to Principal, St. Agnes Catholic School, Chatham;

12. Frank Torti, Vice Principal, St. Patrick's Catholic High School, Sarnia is appointed to Vice Principal, St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia and St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna;
13. Tamara Johnson, Vice Principal, St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia and St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna is appointed to Vice Principal, St. Patrick's Catholic High School.

"I also want to take this opportunity to extend to Bill Nelson, Phil Bedard, Cindy Boyd and Ed Freeburn our best wishes, as we pray God's blessings of good health and happiness upon their retirements," says Mrs. Crawford.



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### ***COMMUNITY SELECTS ST. ANGELA MERICI AS THE NAME FOR THE NEW NORTH CHATHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

The Board of Trustees tonight endorsed the name selected by the community for the new north Chatham elementary school, currently under construction on McNaughton Avenue, West in Chatham.

“We are pleased to endorse *St. Angela Merici Catholic School* as the name of the new school,” says John Van Heck, Chair of the Board. “It is fitting choice, which honours the Ursuline Sisters, who brought Catholic education to Chatham in 1860 and have done so much through the years to support it.”

The name was selected as the one most valued by the community through a 19 day *Thoughtexchange* online consultation, which resulted in 346 participants suggesting 227 names and rating the suggestions of others 17,792 times. The multiple suggestions of *St. Angela Merici* emerged as the clear choice.

Sister Angela was an Italian educator, who founded an organization which later became the Ursuline Order. The Ursulines spread throughout Europe and North America and it was the Ursuline Sisters who eventually brought Catholic education to Chatham, with the arrival from France of Mother Xavier in 1860.

The selection was forwarded to the Office of the Bishop for his blessing. Bishop Fabbro responded in a letter to the Board, saying the name is an “...excellent choice, given the great history of the Ursuline Sisters in Catholic education in Chatham...”

The Board has also received an email from the Ursuline Sisters, which notes that they are “honoured and humbled” by the name selection.

The North Chatham Catholic Elementary School Transition Committee, which forwarded the results of the community consultation to the Board for endorsement, will now meet in the fall to begin discussions on a team mascot and school colours for *St. Angela Merici Catholic School*.

Pronunciation Guide: mer-EE-chee