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DESIGN OF NEW GREGORY A. HOGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN SARNIA PRESENTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Design work for the new Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School in Sarnia was presented to the Board of Trustees at this evening's meeting.

"This is an outstanding design for what will be an absolutely amazing new school," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. "On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our User Group for their tremendous input, which has helped lead us to this first-rate school design."

Five virtual input sessions were held with a User Group, which included students, parents, teaching and support staff from the existing Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School and support staff from Special Education, Catholic Learning Services, CLASS, Facility Services and senior administration. A session was also scheduled for Trustees and a child care user group. Alison Hannay of Cornerstone Architecture, the lead architect for the project, facilitated the virtual sessions.

Some of the features that will be incorporated into the new school's design include:

- Lots of natural light;
- Safe and secure school;
- More flexible collaboration spaces (pods) that can be converted to fit various teacher and student needs;
- Flexible furniture;
- Collaborative spaces;
- Technology integration.

In January 2018, the Ministry of Education announced \$14,371,913 in funding for the new Catholic elementary school in Sarnia. A further \$2,672,104 was approved for a child care facility in the new school, with five rooms and 88 child care spaces.

With the transition of French Immersion students to the new school, the Sacred Heart community will move to the current Gregory A. Hogan site. As a result, both school communities will occupy facilities that are the right size for their student populations.

"We commend the Ontario government for this funding, which will benefit two school communities in Sarnia," says John Van Heck, Chair of the Board. "We are eager to move forward with this project."

"Our government is listening to hard-working Sarnia families and delivering on their behalf by investing in new schools and supporting necessary upgrades," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "By funding the construction of Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, we are providing young people in Sarnia with safe, accessible, and modern classrooms that will help them achieve lifelong success."

"It's exciting to see all the progress that the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School community are making on the design of their new school," said Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey. "Our government is investing in our public education system to make sure every student is set up to succeed."

Construction is expected to begin in the Fall of 2021 and be completed by the Summer of 2023.

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EXCITING PLANS FOR SACRED HEART PORT LAMBTON REFURBISHMENT PRESENTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Some exciting new plans to update Sacred Heart Catholic School in Port Lambton were presented to the Board of Trustees at this evening's meeting.

In July 2020 the Ministry of Education announced \$3,105,350 in funding for an addition at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Port Lambton. The project will include the removal of a port-a-pak, two new classrooms, new washrooms and an expansion of the child care centre, currently housed in the school.

Staff, students, parents/guardians and the child care provider were invited to participate in virtual design sessions, to provide input into the features that should be included as part of the project. Dan Amicone of Architectura Inc., the lead architect for the project, facilitated the sessions.

"These input sessions are a key part of the process," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. "It is important that our stakeholders have a say in what they value as the plans for the design are developed."

Some of the features that will be included are:

- Expanded childcare offering (infant, toddler and pre-schoolers);
- Dedicated parking lot and bus loading area;
- Spacious interior hallway for indoor activities;
- 3 dedicated outdoor childcare playground areas;
- Introduction of a commercial kitchen c/w industrial range hood to prepare healthy meals;
- All childcare classrooms will have large windows for natural light and dedicated washrooms in each space.

"We are excited to see this project begin to take shape," says John Van Heck, Chair of the Board. "We again want to express our thanks to the Ministry for providing the funding that will make it all possible. This will be a tremendous benefit to the entire Port Lambton community."

"The Government of Ontario is investing \$13 billion over ten years to build new schools, improve existing educational facilities and expand child care" said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "By updating Sacred Heart Catholic School, we are taking action to provide more child care spaces to support working families and updated classrooms that will benefit Port Lambton students in their learning."

"I'm thrilled that the planning process for the updated Sacred Heart Catholic School in Port Lambton is moving ahead with so much community input," said Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey. "Our government is making significant investments in our school system to ensure that every student in Ontario has a bright future ahead."

Construction is expected to begin in August 2021 and be completed by December 2022.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees has approved a number of capital projects, for school communities across the entire district. The projects are funded through Ministry supported funding allocations including School Condition Improvement and School Renewal. In addition, some projects are funded through unsupported Board operating/surplus resources.

“Each year, the Board identifies projects to upgrade, renew and maintain our school facilities,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “Through this annual investment in our schools and properties, we are able to provide safe, healthy and well-maintained facilities for our students and staff.”

Below is a list of projects approved by the Board of Trustees at the Tuesday, March 31, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The projects will be completed throughout the coming months.

Renovations & Alterations	500,000
Ursuline College - Interior Upgrades	
Mechanical & Electrical Projects	4,870,000
Gregory Hogan Catholic School - Mechanical Upgrades	
Holy Family Catholic School - Mechanical Upgrades	
St. Elizabeth Catholic School - Mechanical Upgrades	
St. John Fisher Catholic School - Mechanical Upgrades	
St. Michael Catholic School - Mechanical Upgrades	
Catholic Education Centre - Mechanical Upgrades	
Building Envelope Projects	1,651,320
Gregory Hogan Catholic School - Window Replacement	
St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia - Window Replacement	
St. Michael Catholic School - Window Replacement	
St. Patrick's Catholic High School - Window Replacement	
Our Lady of Fatima - Partial Roof Replacement	
Catholic Education Centre - Roof Replacement	
Catholic Education Centre - Window Replacement	
Site Improvements	1,250,000
Christ the King - Parking Lot Replacement	
Our Lady of Fatima - Asphalt Replacement	
Ursuline College - Asphalt Replacement	
Health & Safety	900,000
Various Schools - Upgraded Access Control System	
	\$ 9,171,320

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CATHOLIC STUDENT TRUSTEES ELECTED TO SERVE FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Students from St. Patrick's Catholic High School in Sarnia and Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School have been elected to serve as Catholic student trustees, for the 2021-2022 school year. Elections were held at the secondary schools in February.

The results of the elections are as follows:

- St. Patrick's – Grace McCormack, Grade 11 student, will represent the Catholic school students of Sarnia-Lambton;
- Ursuline College – Owen Malott-Bennett, Grade 11 student, will represent the Catholic school students of Chatham-Kent.

The schools have provided the following biographies of the new student trustees:

Grace McCormack is a creative and diligent grade eleven student at St. Patrick's high school. You will find her onstage, with her nose in a book, writing, or learning. Grace is incredibly grateful for the position of Catholic student trustee presenting itself to her.

If you were to ask Grace to describe her high school experience in one word, she would say with confidence the word would be growth. Since stepping into St. Patrick's on the first day of Grade 9, Grace has grown into becoming an author, honour roll student, actress and advocate for students' needs. Publishing her book in October 2018, a mere two months into high school, Grace has grown her skills of communication, articulation, and creativity. As an actress who has participated in several years of Carrie Beauchamp's Nightingale Chorus and Glee, as well as three amazing years in drama class, Grace is no stranger to the stage. Acting and singing have taught her the importance of collaboration and sharing one's voice.

Advocating for students' needs is something Grace has been able to do in becoming the 2019-2020 Minister of Wellness for Student Council and spending time on both Chaplaincy and Wellness teams in Grade 10. Grace hopes that becoming the student trustee will further expand her own personal growth, and the growth of St. Patrick's.

Grace plans to become a lawyer after graduating. She believes that the student trustee position will be a chance to further develop her skills of punctuality, advocating for others, and organization. It is with great gratitude that Grace will take on the responsibility and honour of being the 2021-2022 student trustee.

Owen Malott-Bennett is a kind, generous and thoughtful Lancer. As a third generation Lancer, Owen is proud to have been part of Catholic Education his entire life. He attended elementary school at Georges P. Vanier Catholic school and is completing his Grade 11 year at UCC.

Owen is a well-liked student who has a great rapport with his teachers both at UCC and with his former teachers at GPV. Owen is hard-working, respectful and has a very pleasant nature. Prior to COVID, Owen was selected as a leader for the Muskoka Woods Experience, as he takes a great deal of pride in helping others and in 'being there' for them.

Owen has performed as an athlete in Lancer football, Team Ontario and Chatham Kent Cougars football. He has also volunteered to support coaching in the Cougars junior football program. Owen has also volunteered alongside his mom and her coworkers, supporting community fundraisers for Restorative Justice and with Racing Against Drugs.

Owen looks forward to working alongside the trustees of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board to be a voice for the youth of his Catholic school community. He wants to be an advocate for the needs of his fellow students at the Board table.

Owen looks forward to leaving a legacy of which UCC and St. Clair Catholic will be proud.

The Board of Trustees affirmed the elections of both Grace McCormack and Owen Malott-Bennett at the Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and appointed them to serve as Catholic student trustees for the term which runs from August 2021 to June 2022.