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Subject: **Student Trustees Election**

Background

In accordance with Board Policy Sec. A Policy – Student Trustee on the Board, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board requires two student trustees – one to represent the students of Chatham-Kent and one to represent the students of Sarnia-Lambton.

Basic Eligibility Requirements of Student Trustee

School principals were directed to verify that they were to only include in the selection process those students who meet these requirements:

- During 2024 - 2025 term of office, a full-time student in at least grade 11
- Has access to transportation to attend the meetings in Wallaceburg
- Has a record of good attendance and hence is likely to be able to honour the time commitment

In advance of the selection day, Student Councils promoted among the student body of each Catholic secondary school of the student trustee selection date.

The election at Ursuline College occurred on February 22, 2024. There was no formal election day held at St. Patrick's High School due to only application being received.

Student Trustees

St. Patrick's: Matt Moss

St. Patrick's is very proud to announce that Matt Moss is our Student Trustee for the 2024-2025 school year.

Matthew (Matt) Moss is a current grade 10 student at St. Patrick's Catholic High School who has been selected to serve as Student Trustee for the 2024-2025 school year.

Matt believes the position of being a Catholic Student Trustee will not only help him gain experience for his future endeavors with advocating and decision-making within a professional setting, but also because he thinks he offers a lot of necessary skills, such as great communication and organization skills, that he assumes will be extremely useful for the position.

Matt has been an active member of the St. Patrick's school community since grade nine, joining many different clubs and after-school activities that have allowed him to connect with a wide range of the



students within the school community. He is currently holding the position of Minister of Public Relations on the St. Patrick's Student Council. As well as student council, he has also been actively involved in the theatre community, and these opportunities have allowed Matt to enhance his public speaking skills. He hopes that becoming Student Trustee will allow him to further strengthen his teamwork and collaboration skills.

Due to his deep connection to God and understanding of what it means to be a Catholic pupil from attending mass regularly, Matt will be able to easily promote, encourage, and support Catholic education. I am very pleased to welcome Matt as the Student Trustee representing St. Patrick's Catholic High school.

UCC: Layla Hashim

It is with pride that Ursuline College will announce that Layla Hashim is our Student Trustee for the 2024-2025 school year.

Layla is a current grade 11 student at Ursuline College who has been selected to serve as Student Trustee for the 2024-2025 school year.

She is a well-rounded individual and is greatly involved both within school and the community. At school, she is committed to various extracurriculars such as athletics, clubs, such as Lancerlink and yearbook, and the arts. This year, she has an especially exciting opportunity as stage manager of the upcoming musical, Matilda. She maintains her involvement while attaining a high academic standing and participating in academic enriching opportunities such as the University of Waterloo Math Contest, as well as Hackergals.

Outside of school, Layla prioritizes her personal fitness by working out regularly, spending time with family and friends, and working two part-time jobs, which both reflect her passions. She works at Sportchek which enhances her knowledge of overall fitness, and also works at Kumon, where she tutors and has the opportunity to help younger students flourish in their academics. All of these experiences have brought her closer to her faith, and she regularly devotes time for prayer. Layla believes her diverse involvement and dedication will enable her to represent the entirety of the student body, and she hopes to make a difference for the better.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Student Trustees Election for information.*

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognize the election of Matt Moss from St. Patrick's Catholic High School and Layla Hashim from Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School and appoint them as Student Trustees for the period of August 2024 to June 2025.