



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 31, 2020

Deb Crawford, Director of Education

SUBJECT: Student Trustee Elections

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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 Catholic school students of Chatham-Kent and one to represent the Catholic school 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:

1. Be Catholic
2. During 2020 - 2021 term of office, a full-time student in at least grade 11
3. Has access to transportation to attend the meetings in Wallaceburg
4. 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 for St. Patrick's High School occurred on March 2, 2020 and the Student Trustee Elect was acclaimed at Ursuline College on February 28, 2020.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

St. Patrick's: Mia Abate

It is with pride that St. Patrick's will announce that Mia Abate is our Student Trustee for the 2020-2021 school year.

On her first day of grade 9 at St. Patrick's, Mia knew that she wanted to make the most of her time at the school and decided to get involved in as many things as she could to make her high school experience a memorable one. During her 3 years at St. Patrick's she has already been involved in a variety of school activities such as Reach for the Top, Arts and Culture SHSM, the School Store, Cyclone Aid, Irish Miracle and school productions such as 'Footloose' and 'Matilda' in which she recently played Miss Honey. During this time, she has also consecutively received honour roll and other academic awards such as the religion award, the drama award and the W. E. Prentice History 2D Award. Outside of her school community, Mia is active in volunteer work with Rebound's 'Act II' program, participation in her parish choir and performing at her local theatre. Having come to St. Patrick's from St. Joseph's elementary school

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in Corunna where she was Minister of Communication and part of the Sacristan team, Mia is no stranger to leadership roles and she understands the importance of promoting Catholic education.

With an interest in pursuing a career in the political sciences, Mia hopes that this experience will be informative and will allow her to build upon her skills. It is with a great sense of honour that Mia takes on the job of representing St. Patrick's as Student Trustee for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and looks forward to sharing the wonderful things happening at St. Patrick's.

UCC: Lucas Rupert

It is with pride that Ursuline College will announce that Lucas Rupert is our Student Trustee for the 2020-2021 school year.

Lucas possess many gifts and talents, which he generously shares as a collaborative contributor, in and outside of our school. He is a faith filled and dedicated grade 11 student who excels academically, socially and spiritually due to his dedication and commitment.

Lucas is excited and grateful to be able to bring Catholic student voice to the role of Student Trustee. He actively discerns his faith by taking initiative by volunteering with our school Chaplaincy Team. He willingly serves at school masses, prayer services, prayer devotion of the rosary and with the Lancers for Life, our Pro Life Group. Lucas also serves as lector at Blessed Sacrament and St Anne of the Lakes Parishes. Lucas participated in junior basketball and football and now offers support behind the scenes in the gym and theatre.

Lucas is excited that serving as the Student Trustee will be an experience that enriches his high school journey. Lucas will do an outstanding job representing Ursuline College Chatham as Student Trustee for the St-Clair Catholic District School Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognize the election of Mia Abate from St. Patrick's Catholic High School and Lucas Rupert from Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School and appoint them as Student Trustees for the period of August 2020 to July 2021.