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Subject: **Director's Annual Report – 2021-2022**

Background

The Education Act S283(3) requires that the Director of Education submit a report of Board activities annually to the Board of Trustees and to the Minister of Education.

The *Director's Annual Report 2021-2022* is a compilation of just some of the many achievements, educational programs and activities undertaken by our students, our schools and our staff throughout the 2021-2022 school year. In reviewing the pages of this report, I am astounded at the depth and breadth of the great work that has been done across the system, despite the challenges of a second year of COVID-19.

Late last year, as we began to exit the pandemic, our Pastoral Teams were the first visitors permitted back into our schools. Thank you to our parish partners, who always help us to see that, with our faith to guide us, we can face anything.

As we moved through 2021-2022, we began a gradual return to a more normal school experience, with in-person classroom learning, a return to sports play, enjoying recess with friends from across cohorts and the reoccurrence of social justice projects in our schools, which support so many in our communities and around the world.

Despite these returns to normalcy, we know that the pandemic disproportionately affected some of us more than others. That is why we focused so heavily throughout the 2021-2022 school year on mental health supports for our most vulnerable. Funding from the Ministry of Education was leveraged throughout the year to put in place programs and initiatives to assist those who felt the effects of the pandemic most deeply.

I would like to thank again, the many health professionals at both the Lambton and Chatham-Kent public health units, for their unending guidance and support throughout two years of COVID-19. Their caring expertise helped our students, families and staff to be safe and well in our school communities.

I also want to express my appreciation to our students, staff and families for their patience and support during the past two years. They have demonstrated strength, resilience and perseverance.



I know that, as you read through the pages of this report, you agree that we have much to celebrate at St. Clair Catholic. It is indeed a great news report – a testament to the innovation, resilience and compassion with which our school communities faced the trials of the pandemic. As a result, we have begun the 2022-2023 school year with a renewed sense of optimism and a hopeful spirit that will guide us toward better days.

The *Director's Annual Report 2021-2022* will now be posted to the Board website and forwarded to the Minister of Education. It will also be shared with staff, families, our parish partners and other publicly-funded school boards across the province.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Director's Annual Report 2021-2022* for information.