



St. Clair Action News Video Update on Sacred Heart, Sarnia Reconstruction Project

The transformation of the future Sacred Heart Catholic School in Sarnia is well underway, with students and staff eagerly anticipating the move to their new home at 1825 Hogan Drive. As renovations progress, the community is counting down to the closure of the current Sacred Heart building and the opening of a modern, innovative learning space in September 2025.

St. Clair Action News, a student-led reporting initiative, continues to provide updates on the project, giving families a behind-the-scenes look at the construction milestones. The latest update captures the excitement as crews work to bring the vision for the new Sacred Heart to life.

"This project represents so much more than bricks and mortar—it's about creating an inspiring, faith-filled learning environment for generations of students to come," says Scott Johnson, Director of Education. "The new Sacred Heart Catholic School will be a place where students thrive, and we look forward to welcoming the community into this incredible new space."

Stay tuned to St. Clair Action News for exclusive updates on the renovation progress. Follow along on the Board's website and social media channels for the latest news.

Click here to watch the latest update: <https://vimeo.com/1060188367/e0a4026a0d?share=copy>

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Lisa Demers Appointed Next Director of Education

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that Lisa Demers has been appointed as the new Director of Education, effective April 1, 2025.



"Lisa is a dedicated leader who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to student success and the values of Catholic education throughout her career," says John Van Heck, Chair of the Board. "Her leadership has had a profound impact across our board, and we are excited to see how she will continue to build on our momentum and further strengthen our schools and communities. We are confident that she will guide St. Clair Catholic with integrity, passion, and a focus on creating supportive environments where all students can thrive."

Lisa's career as a Catholic educator spans 30 years, beginning as a classroom teacher before taking on leadership roles as a principal, system principal, and for the past eight years, Superintendent of Education. In each role, she has worked to foster strong, faith-filled school communities where students are supported academically, socially, and spiritually.

As Superintendent, Lisa has led key portfolios, including Special Education, Mental Health & Well-being, Indigenous Education, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Safe Schools. She has played a pivotal role in developing system-wide strategies such as the Board Action Plan for Indigenous Education, the

Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, and the Student Achievement Plan. Her leadership has helped shape inclusive, supportive learning environments and drive initiatives that remove barriers for students.

In addition to her work with St. Clair Catholic, Lisa has shared her expertise at the provincial level through committees such as the Ontario Special Needs Strategy Committee and the Regional Special Education and Curriculum Council. She has also served as a mentor and instructor in Catholic education leadership formation programs, further demonstrating her commitment to the advancement of the profession.

"I am truly honoured to be entrusted with the role of Director of Education for St. Clair Catholic," says Lisa Demers. "The work we've done to date has created a solid foundation, and I look forward to collaborating with our exceptional team to continue fostering an environment where every student is supported and celebrated. I am committed to ensuring that all of our students have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and I am excited to lead St. Clair Catholic into this next chapter of growth and success."

Congratulations to Lisa on her appointment. She will succeed Scott Johnson, who announced his retirement in September 2024.

Click here to view the announcement video: <https://vimeo.com/1060113273/c91fa4ff9d?share=copy>

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