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Lighting the Way – Rejoicing in Our Journey

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Trustees for St. Clair Catholic has adopted a new strategic plan, which will guide the Board for the next several years.

“Our plan is both clear and concise,” says Dan Parr, Director of Education. “It can be expressed on a single sheet of paper so that all stakeholders – staff, students, parents and parish partners – can easily see and understand our goals and the role that each of us has in helping to achieve them.”

“This new strategic plan affirms our mission statement, which is rooted in our faith and will guide the Board towards attaining high levels of achievement for all students and wise stewardship of the resources entrusted to us by the public,” says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board.

The document *Lighting the Way – Rejoicing in Our Journey: Our Plan for Excellence in our Catholic Schools 2014 and Beyond* sets out the strategic priorities of the Board, as identified in the mission statement, then lists the specific strategic actions and desired results. The document also outlines the development of the plan and the consultative steps with each of the stakeholder groups.

The one page strategic plan follows this media release. The full document, *Lighting the Way – Rejoicing in Our Journey: Our Plan for Excellence in our Catholic Schools 2014 and Beyond*, will be released to all stakeholders in September.

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Strategic Priorities	Goals and Strategic Actions	Desired Results
Living Our Faith	<p><i>We will live our faith when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We work in all ways to be living examples of our Mission as a Catholic school board. • Our Catholic elementary and secondary schools are first choice for all Catholic families in our region. • Our Catholic faith is present in all aspects of our curriculum and visible in our school environments. • We provide adult faith formation for our staff. • Information about our quality Catholic school system is readily available in our community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our faith will be recognized as the foundation for who we are as a Catholic school system. • Our employees will model and teach our Catholic faith by word and examples. • Our Catholic faith, sacramental life, and commitment to social justice will be taught, learned and lived in partnership with parishes and homes. • The community will be well informed about the Catholic programs, services and choices that we offer.
Promoting Educational Achievement and Innovation	<p><i>We will promote educational achievement for all when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our students' learning experiences are 21st Century: reflective of the global and digital age in which we live, rich in critical thinking, creativity and citizenship and enhanced by technology. • Our students achieve their highest levels of appropriate educational and personal development. • We prepare our students for academic and practical success through innovative career-based opportunities involving Colleges, Co-operative Education and Apprenticeships. • We commit to high levels of achievement and well-being for all students through professional learning that is collaborative, job embedded and responsive to their needs within a caring Catholic culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our educators will be skilled at providing 21st Century learning, and our learning environment will be equipped to do so. • Our students will achieve: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developmentally appropriate literacy and math benchmarks in the primary and junior divisions; 2. Level 3 in literacy and numeracy in the intermediate and senior divisions; 3. 16 credits by the completion of grade 10; 4. Increased graduation rates. • Our partnerships and programs will create valuable opportunities for student development, both within and beyond the classroom, that prepare them well for the future. • Our principals and teaching staff will continually learn and collaboratively develop best practice teaching and learning strategies.
Fostering Stewardship, Leadership and Social Justice	<p><i>We will foster stewardship, leadership and social justice when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We model behaviour that is ethical, courageous and deeply rooted in our faith. • We are responsive, transparent and accountable in our actions and decisions. • We make wise decisions on the use of human and public resources and facilities in our care. • We are an active participant in the communities in which we work. • We all care for God's creation by managing and reducing our carbon footprint in measurable ways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimum use will be made of all our resources, schools and related facilities. • Communication, inclusion and fiscal responsibility will underpin all our resource management decisions. • We will take significant steps to show leadership in environmental responsibility, energy use and ecological practice. • We will be recognized as valuable partners in community initiatives where we can make a positive difference.