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## BOARD ENDORSES NEW STRATEGIC PLAN - 'CATHOLIC EDUCATION + FUTURE READY - 2019-2024

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board tonight endorsed a new strategic plan, which will guide learning for the next five years. *Catholic Education* + *Future Ready* is the result of extensive collaboration with all of the Board's partners in Catholic education – students, parents, staff, our parishes, community partners and the trustees.

"I am proud to present this final document to the Board of Trustees," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. "It the result of wide-ranging and rich consultation with all of our partners in Catholic education."

Throughout the development of the new strategic plan, communication was key. The Board utilized technology through the *Thoughtexchange* online platform to reach as many stakeholders as possible – with more than 2,300 participants contributing 3,344 thoughts or ideas and rating the thoughts of others nearly 111,700 times.

A team of system champions, which represented all stakeholder groups, was brought together on three occasions to review the survey data and identify the priorities that emerged through the *Thoughtexchange*. Those themes helped to shape new vision, mission and values statements:

### Our Vision:

Catholic Education + Future Ready

### Our Mission:

Learning together today, transforming tomorrow

### Our Values:

- Respect rooted in love
- Excellence for all
- Accountability to God, self and others
- Engagement in our work
- Called to serve our world

"This new strategic plan, and the operational plans that will result from it, will create the foundation for how we ensure we are a strong, faith-filled Catholic school system that is 'future ready' and working to 'transform learning for tomorrow' for our Catholic graduates," says Mrs. Crawford.