



# 2023-2024 Director's Annual Report Highlights

Speaking With the Heart

# Director's Message



It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the 2023-2024 Director's Annual Report. This past year has been an incredible journey of growth, achievement, and commitment to our renewed mission to be an inclusive Catholic learning community that inspires every student to achieve their full potential through faith and education.

I extend my sincere appreciation to students, staff, families, Board of Trustees, and parish and community partners, for your ongoing engagement and dedication to supporting Catholic education in Durham Region. Together, we will continue to build upon our successes to support all students as we focus on supporting faith & well-being, advancing human rights, equity and Indigenous Education, and improving student learning.

Yours in hope and faith,

Gerard Winn  
Director of Education

## Who We Are

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) shares a sense of community among families, educators and parishes and is committed to integrating the teachings of the Gospel with quality educational programs that guide students in their journeys to meeting the Catholic Graduate Expectations. In the 2023-2024 school year, the board served elementary and secondary students in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and the townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock, in addition to thousands of adult and continuing education learners.

Please see a 2023-2024 overview below:



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Schools



3

Alternative & Continuing  
Education Centres



22,608

Students  
As of September 30, 2023



13,430

Adult & Continuing  
Education Students

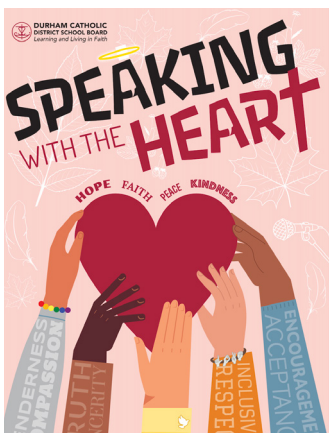


2,595

Total Permanent  
Employees

As of September 30, 2023

## Our 2023-2024 Spiritual Theme: Speaking With the Heart



After reflecting last year on what it means to "listen with the ear of the heart," we turned to the words of Pope Francis once again for the 2023-2024 year's Spiritual Theme. Noted during his message for the 57th World Day of Social Communications, 2023, Pope Francis stated, "It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating."

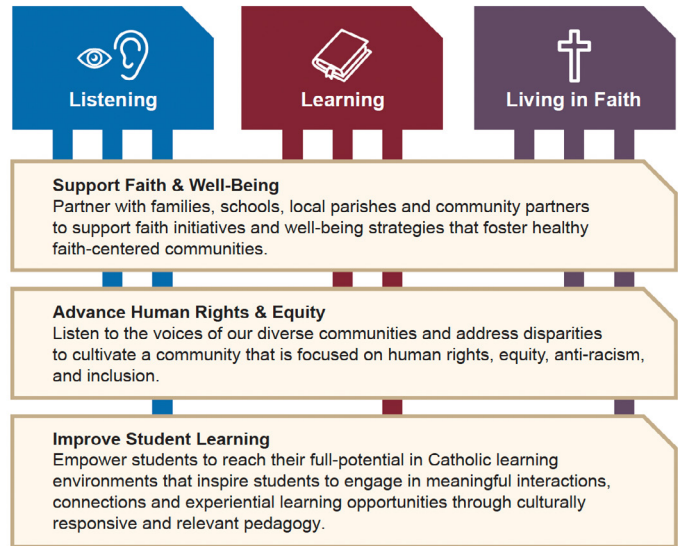
With these words in mind, the DCDSB community focused on "Speaking With the Heart" in 2023-2024.

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# Our Strategic Priorities: *Inspire 2026*

Listening, Learning and Living in Faith are the foundational processes that form the core of our *Inspire 2026* multi-year plan. The implementation of these processes support the following strategic priorities:

- Support Faith & Well-Being
- Advance Indigenous Education, Human Rights & Equity
- Improve Student Learning



## 2023-2024 Achievements

I am pleased to highlight achievements and stories from 2023-2024 in each of our strategic priorities:



### Support Faith & Well-Being

We strive to support faith initiatives and well-being strategies that foster healthy faith-centred communities.



### Improve Student Learning

We empower students to reach their full-potential in Catholic learning environments.



### Indigenous Education

We centre Indigenous voices, promote Indigenous Education for all, and prioritize the achievement and well-being of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students.



### Corporate Services

Corporate departments support the strategic priorities by building system capacity and to maximize effectiveness and efficiencies.



### Advance Human Rights & Equity

We listen to the diverse voices of our communities to promote human rights, equity, anti-racism and inclusion.



### Our Awards and Recognition

We celebrate the achievements of students, staff and community partners within DCDSB.

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Director of Education



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