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BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES BALANCED BUDGET OF \$104,102,813 FOR 2010–2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have approved a balanced budget of \$104,102,813 for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

“Our Board continues to be confronted by funding challenges due to declining enrolment,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “As a result of trimming operations budgets and using \$382,000 in reserves, we are able to present a balanced budget; however, we are hopeful that additional grant announcements through the 2010-2011 school year may reduce our draw on reserves.”

The 2010-2011 budget is in compliance with the Ministry of Education’s reporting requirements:

- It is a balanced budget – revenues equal expenditures – after using accumulated surplus in the amount of \$382,012
- The Board has complied with all accountability and funding envelope requirements.

“I would like to thank Associate Director and Treasurer Jim McKenzie and his staff for their tremendous work in preparing this budget,” says Mr. Wubben.

With tonight’s approval by the Board of Trustees, administration now has until the July 31, 2010 filing deadline to submit the budget to the Ministry of Education.



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ROSS DALY ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT SEEK ANOTHER TERM AS TRUSTEE REPRESENTING NORTH AND CENTRAL LAMBTON

Trustee Ross Daly has announced he will step down at the end of the current term in December and will not seek another term as the Trustee representing central and north Lambton.

“I have greatly enjoyed my ten years as a Trustee for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, serving the students and families of north and central Lambton” says Mr. Daly.

“I have met a lot of great young people – our students, who, I know, will do great things in their lives. I have great faith in our Catholic schools and the students they produce,” says Mr. Daly.

“Ross has been a passionate and dedicated supporter of Catholic education and of our Board,” says Anita Labadie, Chair of the Board. “He will be greatly missed.”

“I will miss Ross’ enthusiasm and his great sense of humour,” says Paul Wubben Director of Education. “Most of all, I will miss his great devotion to our Catholic schools and our students.”

Mr. Daly was acclaimed to the Board in 2000 and throughout his career he held the seat unchallenged. He will step down when the new Board takes office in December, following the October municipal elections.



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TRUSTEES FOR ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC APPROVE WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICY

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have approved a workplace violence prevention policy.

“This policy is broad in scope, covering everyone who works for or is associated with the St. Clair Catholic community – including trustees, students, staff, volunteers, contractors and employees of other organizations who work on or are invited onto Board property,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education.

“Our Board promotes a violence-free workplace, in which everyone is respectful of each other,” says Mr. Wubben. “Any threat or act of violence is unacceptable.”

The policy is required under Bill 168, which was passed by the Ontario government in December 2009. It requires employers to develop policies to address workplace violence and harassment, have procedures in place for employees to summon immediate help if a violent incident occurs and alert employees to persons who have a history of violence. The bill also requires employers to assess the risk of violence and address domestic violence in the workplace.

Previously, the Board has had policies in place which addressed aspects of Bill 168, such as workplace harassment. In September 2008, a workplace violence prevention program was initiated, which required all employees to complete on-line training.

“I would like to thank Superintendent of Education Dr. Frank Leddy and his staff for their tremendous work in the development of this important policy,” says Mr. Wubben.

The new policy takes effect immediately.