



## REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES June 18, 2019

Deb Crawford, Director of Education

---

**SUBJECT:** CPCO Special Education for Administrators Additional Qualification Course

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Education

---

### BACKGROUND:

The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) is committed to offering a special education program for administrators that is designed to meet the regulations and standards mandated by the Ontario College of Teachers. CPCO has utilized the talents and expertise of a variety of administrators across the province to design the course modules. The SEA AQ course must meet the following guidelines: 125 hours of coursework including face-to-face instruction of 40 hours, 45 hours of online learning and documented related study, as well as a job embedded professional inquiry, practicum consisting of 40 hours. Our board is the only board in Ontario that has embedded the course into Catholic Leadership meetings to ensure that all Principals, Vice Principals and Leadership Pool candidates received accreditation.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

The work of our Administrators throughout the course is reflective of our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCGEs), the Ontario Catholic Leadership Framework (OCLF), and Catholic Social Teachings. The course celebrates our distinct Catholic identity and is grounded on the works and philosophy of Jean Vanier. Vanier's book, *Becoming Human* is about the liberation of the human heart and is the foundation for the coursework. Jean Vanier shares his profoundly human vision for transformation – for creating a common good that radically changes our communities, our relationships, and ourselves. In the book, *Becoming Human*, Vanier embraces a society in which we work toward the common good when we seek to understand and accept responsibility for others. Vanier's work has inspired many to rethink their perceptions and attitudes towards persons with disabilities.

### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *CPCO Special Education for Administrators Additional Qualification Course*, for information.**