



## Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

### 2020 REGIONAL MEETINGS

## AGENDA

#### WELCOME & GATHERING PRAYER

*Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA  
Chair, Host Board*

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA*

#### LABOUR UPDATE & SCHOOL START UP PROCESS

*Nick Milanetti, Executive Director*

#### NURTURING HOPE

*Anne O'Brien, Director of Catholic Education, OCSTA*

An overview will be provided of this year's Catholic Education Week theme: Nurturing Hope.

Nurtured by Hope the overview will include:

- The recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si' announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical on "Caring for Our Common Home."
- The importance of Hope in the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis
- The Truth & Reconciliation Commission recognizing the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality to the spirit of Laudato Si'
- The call of trustees to nurture hope in their communities.

#### BREAK

#### QUESTIONS FOR BOARDS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING:

1. **School Reopening:** Please share with us the greatest challenges with regard to school re-opening. Were school board reserves used to reduce class sizes for this school year and if so, what percentage was used? What were the reserves used earmarked for?
2. **Collective Bargaining:** Consider the recent round of central bargaining and share with OCSTA your thoughts, what went well and key concerns. How has local bargaining transpired?
3. **E-learning:** Please share concerns and questions regarding e-learning and any concerns and issues related to the protection of denominational rights within the province's e-learning framework.
4. **Locally Determined Question:** Please highlight the leading local issue(s) for your board and outline both the short-term and long-term impacts. We would be particularly interested in hearing about any current or potential issues that could impact the denominational rights of publicly funded Catholic Education. Share your thoughts as to how OCSTA can assist particularly with regard to long term issues.

#### ADJOURNMENT