



April 11th, 2022

Dear Waterloo Catholic Community

We hope that you are well and that you have been enjoying a pleasant start to the spring season, even if spring has not fully informed winter it is time to step aside. Today's letter is primarily focused on an invitation to invite your feedback, however before I discuss that, I will provide a brief update in relation to the pandemic.

As previously communicated, the province has altered its expectations, in regards to masking and to some of our in-school protocols. While we are all at the point where we would like the pandemic to be done with us, I remind everyone in our community that daily screening is still necessary and anyone not feeling fully well should not be attending school. Further, while masks are optional, they are still highly encouraged in our schools and classrooms.

As a Board we like to continually review and assess how effectively we are meeting our strategic priorities. We have opportunities to do so on a regular basis through our various trustee Board meetings and in other venues, but on occasion we also like to reach out to our full Waterloo Catholic community for your feedback. This has been less frequent – in relation to the strategic plan – over the past 2 years, due to the pandemic. This year we would like to return to that practice.

From Monday April 11th to Thursday April 21st we will have available a community survey on our Multi-Year Strategic Plan. It will be an opportunity to rate and comment upon our progress to stated goals, as well as a key opportunity to help shape the future strategic plan. Depending on your role and place in the WCDSB community, you may wish to reflect upon the goals in relation to your own school or reality. We realize that the pandemic has impeded our ability to fully realize some of our goals, and perhaps that may be part of the consideration when completing the survey, but we welcome your impressions so that we can continue to improve and be as responsive as possible to the voice of our community.

The survey should not take much more than 10 minutes to complete and will be available at this link [MYSurvey](#) as of April 11th. It will also be featured prominently at www.wcdsb.ca.

As we continue to journey through the Lenten season, we pray that the love of our Lord, who sacrificed His life for us, might fill your hearts and homes. We continue to be grounded by our pastoral theme – *Sent to Build* – and reflect on our symbol of the bridge. We rejoice on the journey of encounter and accompaniment that we are all on, as a community at Waterloo Catholic.

Sincerely,

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Director of Education

