



“Change is inevitable; growth is optional.”

- John C. Maxwell

Greetings,

Today marks an exciting new chapter in our history, and I’m both humbled and honoured to take over as the seventh Director of Education for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

I find myself stepping into this position at a most opportune time. Thanks to the direction of Paul Picard and his team, as well as the wise counsel of our Board of Trustees, we find ourselves in an extremely enviable position. Our student achievement results are at an all-time high, our organization is on solid financial ground, and we have hired a number of new teachers and other staff this year as our enrolment continues to exceed expectations.

My top priority as I transition into this new role will be to maintain our positive momentum so that we can remain on the upward trajectory we have mapped out over the last several years. We will continue to distinguish ourselves as the school board of choice for innovative programming and top quality faith-based educational experiences by keeping our minds open to exploring new opportunities for our students.

With new leadership, change is inevitable. Over the coming days you will hear about new roles for some members of our team. We have exceptionally talented people here who bring many gifts to our organization; please trust that any changes will be made with the intention of maximizing those gifts for the best interest of our students, their families, and our staff.

I know there are many others throughout our schools with great strengths and limitless potential. Another one of my other top priorities is to build capacity within our organization, and I would encourage those with aspirations for greater heights to prayerfully consider how they might grow within our system and find new ways to utilize their own gifts for the betterment of our students.

As always, my door and my mind is open. The health of any organization depends on the willingness of its leadership team to listen and consider new ideas on how we can continuously improve. If you have ideas, I look forward to hearing from you.

In closing, I look forward to working with our entire team so that together, we can bring to life the words enshrined in our mission statement: to know every student, inspire them to follow the example of Jesus, and empower them with the knowledge and skills they need to live purposeful, meaningful lives.

Sincerely,

Terry Lyons
Director of Education