



# Support Catholic Schools

## Catholics Must Declare Support for Catholic Schools

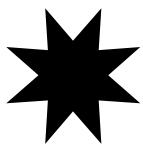
Catholic ratepayers should check their property tax bill, their recent property assessment notice, or contact the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, to ensure they are registered as separate school supporters.

If the school support for your property is directed to Catholic Schools, the School Support Designation on your property tax bill will appear in the **ASSESSMENT** column as **English Separate (ES)** or as **English Separate** on your Assessment Notice. If you are not a registered Catholic school supporter, please contact the School Board's Business Services Department 613-735-1031, or 1-800-267-0191 for help in obtaining and completing the necessary forms, or contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation 1-866-296-6722.

Tenants and owners who do not receive their tax bill directly, can contact the School Board Office to check their school support.

Under the provincial funding formula, the size of a school board's assessment base no longer determines the amount of the board's funding. Nonetheless, the assessment base still serves several important functions:

- It is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools;
- It is used to determine the number of trustees elected to each board to represent the interests of parents and other ratepayers;
- It ensures your right to vote for Catholic school trustees in the upcoming election;
- It supports boards' population projections;
- Should authority to tax be returned to local school boards, a complete assessment base will be critical.



**So, please check your tax bill. Remember, you need to make the appropriate change, if necessary. Your support of the Catholic school system in Ontario is important.**

For more information, call the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Business Services Department: (613) 735-1031 or 1-800-267-0191 (toll-free)