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*...as an inclusive Catholic educational community, we are called to express our mission as church, to pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ, to make it relevant in the world today, and to be the hope for the future.*

February 24, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re : Revisions to the Health & Physical Education Curriculum**

We are writing to you today in regard to the recent release by the Ministry of Education of revisions to the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum.

As Catholics, we understand that parents and guardians are the primary educators of their children. Your role in the teaching of family life issues is pivotal and vital. As a Catholic school system, we work with our parents and our parishes to provide for our students an education that is founded in the Gospel of Jesus, and reflects a Catholic world view.

While we have a responsibility to teach the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education in education policy, we have always done so in a manner that conveys, respects and models our Catholic values to our students.

For more than 30 years, our schools, and all Catholic schools in Ontario, have successfully provided a family life curriculum within a Catholic framework under the guidance of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario through the *Fully Alive* program.

The vast majority of the revised curriculum is already covered within the *Fully Alive* program. Although some of the content has been reassigned, with the exception that it be delivered in earlier grades, we are confident that we will be able to deliver the revised curriculum within the context of our Family Life program, in a way that is consistent with Church teachings, and our faith tradition.

Now that the revised curriculum has been released, the Catholic education community of Ontario will work together to produce resources that support our Catholic teachers and ensure that the curriculum delivered in our classroom is consistent with our Catholic teachings, and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom.

For more information about the *Fully Alive* program, please visit:  
<http://acbo.on.ca/englishweb/fullyalive.htm>

We want to assure you that as a Catholic school district, we will continue to offer a holistic curriculum that is shaped by a Catholic world view, and is faithful to the tradition and teachings of the Church.

Sincerely,

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Bob Michaud  
Board Chairperson

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Michele Arbour  
Director of Education