

# Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Director's Annual Report 2019–2020



## Director's message

I am pleased to provide the RCCDSB Director's Annual Report. The format of this report will be significantly different from previous ones given the significant events of the 2019–2020 school year related to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

This report will mainly highlight the significant efforts undertaken in the March to June period when all of our schools were closed due to provincial order and we transitioned our entire system to "emergency distance learning." Surely, we will all look back on this period of time and the ensuing effects of the global pandemic as one of the most remarkable in our lifetimes.

Through it all, the RCCDSB community expressed its resolve to #bethehope, borrowing from Our Vision: Inspired by our rich heritage and challenged by the struggles of our past, we are an inclusive Catholic educational community 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. Thank you to our students, families and the RCCDSB professional community for your tireless work to be the hope for a world in desperate need of it, especially over the 2019–2020 school year.

**Jaimie Perry**

### About Us

**4,762** students – Enrolment as of October 31, 2020

**\$75.2M** 2020–2021 total budget

**1,300** approximate number of permanent and occasional staff

**22** Buildings and sites diligently prepared to accept students and staff in September by our Caretakers and Plant Services Staff.

**\$2.1M** in capital projects completed for school renewal and school condition projects including new running tracks at the high schools, roofing and lighting upgrades and window and door replacements.

**700** approximate number of bus runs in the transportation routing models developed collaboratively by the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium to safely transport students.

### Wholeness & Wellness

**< 3** the average number of days from student referral to face-to-face meeting with RCCDSB board mental health worker.

**151** number of school team virtual ABA training sessions for EAs, SERTs and Principals hosted from March-June 2020.

**350+** teachers have access to Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPHEA) resources.

**401** number of students served through Summer Mental Health and Special Education transition programs, activities and groups.

### Witness & Integrity

**22** (all) RCCDSB schools rose to the distance learning challenge, finding innovative ways to participate in Catholic Education Week. From livestreaming morning prayers, and creating video messages of hope and encouragement for others, students and staff were *Igniting Hope* virtually.

**125** meal kits and online instructions delivered to students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 Hospitality and Tourism classes at Bishop Smith Catholic High School and to families in need across the county. The hands-on, reach-ahead learning experience was carried out in partnership with East Side Mario's.

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## Achievement & Potential

**5** new software licenses purchased to align with our high yield instruction in literacy and numeracy and to support the transition between in-class and blended or virtual learning (SeeSaw, RAZ Kids Plus, Generation Genius, Currents4Kids, MathUp Classroom).

**21** students challenged the DELF, with a 100% success rate! This is a testament to the high quality of both Core and Extended French Language Teaching and Learning in the board. Not only does the DELF allow us to provide students with an internationally-recognized, but it also serves as a celebration of student commitment to learning a second language, and encourages the growth of the French program, both at the Core and Extended French levels.

**100** packages of basic school supplies delivered to students who needed them during emergency distance learning.

**~ 200** students were contacted by our Indigenous Education Lead during the emergency distance learning between March and June to ensure that they could engage in learning.



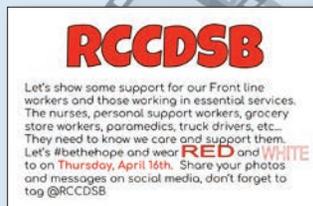
## Dignity & Belonging

**1** community drum purchased to offer a cultural opportunity to our First Nations and Métis students. We offered drumming lessons with a community member.

**18** (all) RCCDSB elementary schools received a Treaty presentation from our Indigenous Education Lead to promote education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

**40** WiFi hotspots distributed to families to ensure internet access for distance learning.

**1,720** devices lent to students who did not have access to technology during the closure. This represents 35% of the 2019–2020 RCCDSB student population.



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