



York Catholic District School Board

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August 4, 2020

Theresa McNicol

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Carol Cotton

Markham
Area 1, Wards 1, 2, 3, 6

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to announce the appointment of Mary Battista as Interim Director of Education and Secretary of the Board for the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB), taking over for Ab Falconi who is retiring on August 31, 2020.

James Ecker

Markham
Area 2, Wards 4, 5, 7, 8

Ms. Battista will be Director Designate starting August 1 and will take on the Interim Director role effective September 1, 2020.

Dominic Mazzotta

Richmond Hill

As Interim Director, Ms. Battista will assume all regulatory responsibilities of Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, in keeping with the Ontario Education Act and related Regulations, until the search for a permanent Director is completed.

Maria Iafate

Richmond Hill

Rose Cantisano

Vaughan
Area 1, Ward 1

Ms. Battista is an experienced educator who brings with her a wide range of skills through her various leadership roles in the Board. Ms. Battista started her career at the YCDSB in 1982 as a French as a second language teacher. She subsequently assumed roles of junior, intermediate teacher, special education teacher and teacher librarian, before becoming a vice principal and principal.

Dino Giuliani

Vice-Chair
Vaughan
Area 2, Ward 2

Ms. Battista has held a number of Superintendent positions at the YCDSB over the past decade, responsible for Curriculum and Assessment, Safe Schools, and School Leadership, respectively. Ms. Battista is committed to change management, organizational relationships and strong leadership. She has a dedicated commitment to raising awareness of and eliminating all forms of racism and discrimination, and in so doing, will create a supportive welcoming learning and teaching environment for all stakeholders in our Board.

Maria Marchese

Chair
Vaughan
Area 3, Ward 3

Jennifer Wigston

Vaughan,
Area 4, Wards 4, 5

Teresa Siby

Sr. Student Trustee

Alessandro Casbarro

Jr. Student Trustee

Along with her educational qualifications, Ms. Battista has held leadership roles on numerous staff committees. Ms. Battista believes that Catholic educational leadership is best achieved when working collaboratively with all partners, and has faithfully strived throughout



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her career to build strong, dynamic, relationship-based, Catholic learning communities.

With this wide and varied background, and her strong Catholic faith, Ms. Battista brings a wealth of relevant experience to the role of Interim Director. She will provide strong leadership and the required continuity while the search for a permanent Director takes place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Marchese".

Maria Marchese
Chair, Board of Trustees