



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Valentinis named Chair

Lisa Soulliere to remain on as Vice-Chair

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018) – Fulvio Valentinis will take over as Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, while Lisa Soulliere will continue on in her position as Vice-Chair.

First elected to the Board in 2014, Valentinis was acclaimed to the position at tonight's inaugural meeting. Soulliere, who has been with the Board since 2000, was also acclaimed to her position.

"This is an excellent time to be assuming a leadership position with this Board," said Valentinis, who prior to coming to the WECD SB spent 20 years as a councilor with the City of Windsor. "Our student achievement results are consistently above provincial averages, we're in a sound financial position, and we continue to offer some of the most innovative programming of any school board in this province."

Valentinis takes over the position from Barbara Holland, who left the Board after 18 years of service. Valentinis praised Holland for the work she has done as Chair since 2012.

"Barb is a great leader," Valentinis said. "She demonstrated an excellent ability to build consensus through working with administration and her fellow trustees in order to meet the strategic objectives of our organization, and to make sure the needs of our students and their families were always being met."

Elections for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair are held on an annual basis, and Trustees cast their votes for these positions at the Board's yearly organizational meeting.

Valentinis, who serves Wards 1 and 10, has sat on the Board's audit and multi-year strategic plan committees. He said his priorities for the next term include continuing to prudently manage the Board's resources, upgrading its facilities, expanding its innovative programming, and promoting faith-based education.

Soulliere, who represents the Lakeshore area and has sat on the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee, was elected Vice-Chair last year. She said her priorities for the next term include ensuring that the board's resources are managed so that student achievement remains the number one concern.

"Our student assessment results are among the best in the province and that's because we have wonderful

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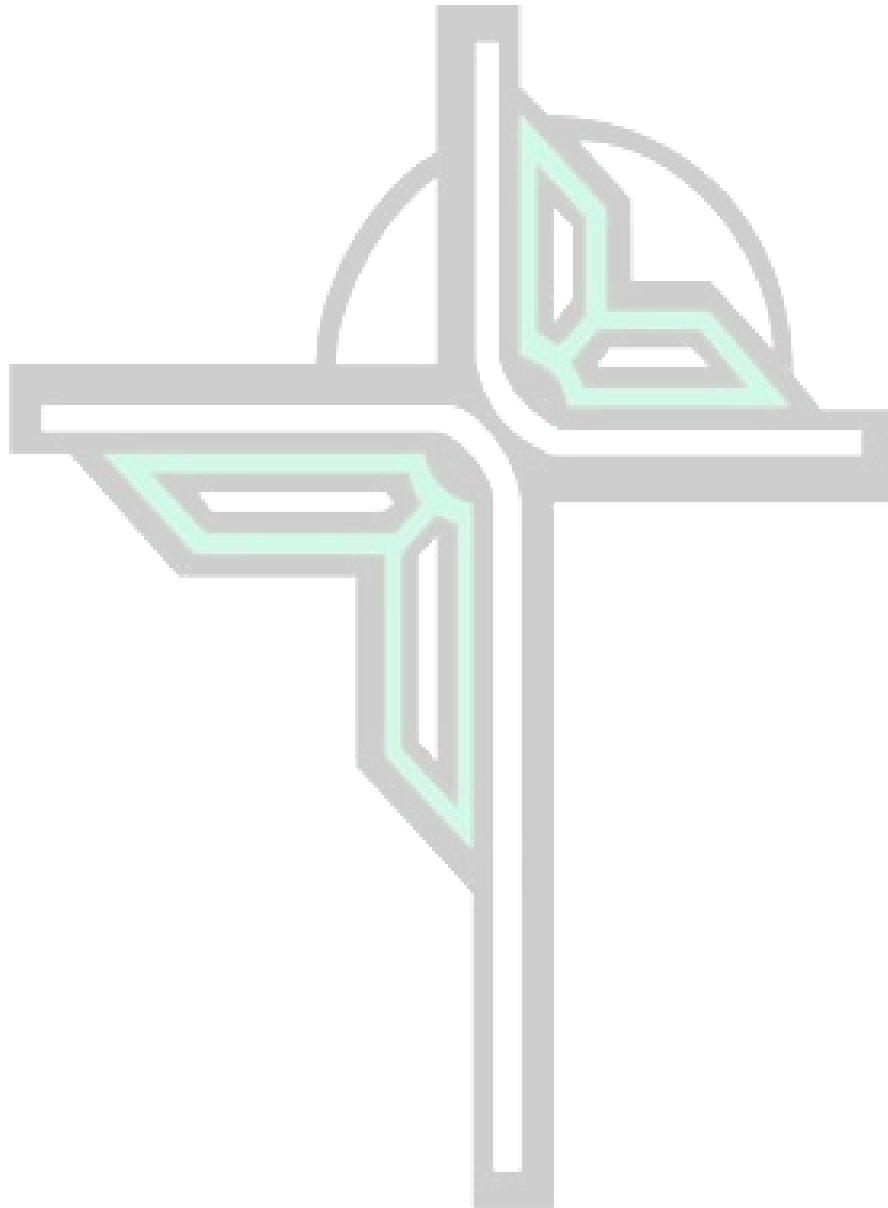
teachers and because we've been very efficient with our resources," she said. "We need to keep that momentum going, and make sure that we are responsibly managing our assets."

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