



## Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Approves 2017-2018 Budget

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**North Bay (ON)** – At its regular meeting held June 27, 2017, the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (NPSC) approved its 2017-2018 budget of **\$48,236,497** for submission to the Ministry of Education. The budget focuses on programs and services that directly benefit students and is compliant with Ministry of Education balanced budget legislation. The estimated operating expenditures are **\$44,230,446** and capital and non-operating expenditures are estimated to be **\$4,006,051**.

NPSC's 2017-2018 budget has several areas of focus, aligning with the Board's [Ends statements](#), guiding student achievement and success. Some highlights include, continuing with our Renewed Mathematics Strategy for K-12 as well as a focus on fostering innovation and creativity through the continued implementation of coding and Makerspace learning technologies in the classroom. This is complimented by NPSC's integration of a new digital platform, designed to enhance parent engagement and communication. Other highlights include programs and services as part of Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education, and Indigenous Education, with a continued focus on Indigenous Languages, Indigenous Studies and the integration of culture.

During the 2017 – 2018 school year, NPSC will continue to offer differentiated programs to support the unique needs of all our students in our Catholic learning centers of excellence. St. Joseph – Scollard Hall will continue to offer Advanced Placement options for students in French and Biology. NPSC also places a high priority on leadership in professional learning and looks forward to supporting school and classroom leadership opportunities through the Teacher Learning and Leadership Program.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank our administration and staff for their hard work in planning a budget that continues to meet the needs of all our learners,” says Board Chair, Barbara McCool. “This budget continues to provide an enriching and comprehensive education for all students to reach their full potential and ensures their readiness for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. We look forward to the ongoing success of our students as a result of sound programming and the variety of services we offer in our schools.”

*The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (NPSC) serves approximately 2700 students in 11 elementary schools, and one secondary school - St. Joseph-Scollard Hall and one campus for Alternative and Continuing Education. Serving the areas of North Bay, Callander, Mattawa, Powassan and West Nipissing, NPSC offers both Regular English and French Immersion Programs.*

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