

Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Prayer (20 min)
- Goals (10 min)
- Setting the Stage (15 min)
- History, Video, Discussion (45 min)
- BREAK (15 min)
- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (60 min)
- LUNCH (40 min)
- Improving Student Achievement Through Parent Involvement (55 min)
- BREAK (15 min)
- Action Plan and Next Steps (40 min)
- Shared Leadership (30 min)
- Our Story Continues (10 min)
- Closing Prayer (5 min)

Testimonials:

"I was glad to learn about the history of our Catholic schools and now know how special we really are."

"A much needed presentation to help facilitate the dialogue between all partners in Catholic education."

"This level of engagement will result in the students ultimately getting the best education possible."

"This will help us be focused on keeping Jesus in the education of our children."

"Loved the way the three partners worked together and were open to the "needs" of the group."

"It was great to come together with all of the stakeholders to discuss our concerns as well as our triumphs."

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Engaging Parents: Improving Student Achievement





A Message from the President

Partnership is the key to our success as a publicly funded Catholic school system. “Engaging Parents” is a workshop about partnership and truly demonstrates to all who participate that all our Catholic educational partners benefit when we are working together!

Our Catholic schools are a true Catholic community where principals, teachers, staff, trustees and parents/guardians are working together for the betterment of our children.

The foundation of Catholic education is the parish, school and home. That foundation has remained solid for over a hundred years. “Engaging Parents” provides that unique opportunity for us to dialogue as a community of believers in Catholic education.

OAPCE believes firmly in partnership; and as a result is very proud to be a driving force behind the creation of this excellent resource tool for Catholic school councils in collaboration with all our Catholic educational partners.

It is our hope and prayer that this resource will be an integral part of the Catholic School Council training in each of our Ontario Catholic school boards.

Brian Evoy
President

Ontario Association of Parents
in Catholic Education

Excerpts from Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher’s Letter

As a child, I found myself nurtured not only by my parents, but also by my Catholic school community and by my parish...

Such close collaboration between family, parish and school is needed today more than ever. In a world that is fractured along many fault lines, be they cultural, social, generational or moral, children need to find consistency not only in the teaching they receive from various sources but also in the grace-filled people they meet as they journey from home to school to Church.

“Engaging Parents: Improving Student Achievement” presents itself as a tool that will help all partners in Catholic education contribute to such collaboration. It specifically focuses on the role of parents as first educators of their children...

As chair of the Education Commission of the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops, I congratulate the various provincial associations involved in producing this worthwhile document. I commend all those who, as members of school councils, will endeavour to use this tool in their own formation and in the formation of other parents...

It takes more than a village to raise a child in the knowledge and life of Christ: it takes a family, a school and a parish. May God help us all live up to the challenge of raising our children...

Paul-Andre Durocher
Bishop of Alexandra-Cornwall

An interactive workshop for parents, teachers and school leaders developed and delivered in collaboration with our partners in Catholic education.

Participants will:

- Understand the vital role that each of the partners play in shaping and sustaining a strong Catholic educational system
- Understand the role of an active, inclusive Catholic School Council in creating caring, welcoming school communities
- Identify the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations to more deeply appreciate the mission of our Catholic Schools
- Identify strategies for enhancing all types of parental involvement and the benefits to student achievement

Resources:

- Our Enduring Gift: DVD
- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations: CD
- Catholic School Council Power Point Presentation
- Case Studies
- Beyond the School Council
- Parental Engagement Action Plan
- Parental Involvement Survey
- Strategies for Shared Leadership
- Resources for parents to assist them in supporting their children

