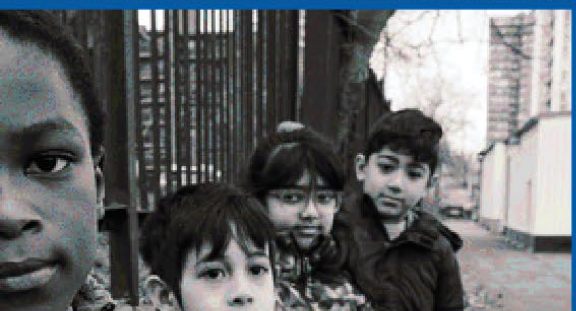


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Monday, June 24, 2024



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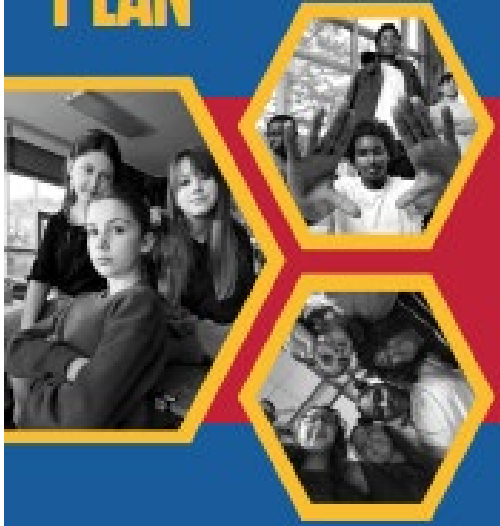


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2023-24 BOARD IMPROVEMENT PLAN



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THANK YOU FROM HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On behalf of HWDSB's Board of Trustees and Executive Council, we are thrilled to celebrate the launch of HWDSB's new **Multi-Year Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2028!** As part of this launch, we are also excited to share our new tagline for the duration of this plan: **Be You. Be Excellent.**

Thank you to the students, staff, families and community members who shared their input to help build the mission, values and Strategic Directions for our school board. These efforts have been supported with a new series of images featuring HWDSB students as their authentic selves.

Our Multi-Year Strategic Plan is underpinned by HWDSB's new guiding values – Compassion, Dignity, Trust and Joy. And now, we can celebrate the new Strategic Directions.

As HWDSB students move through the diverse and unique parts of our Multi-Year Strategic Plan will support them inside classrooms and fostering spaces where students can be themselves and do excellent work. They are immersed in purposeful learning experiences facilitated by dedicated staff.

We could not have done this without your enthusiasm and participation.

Thank you for helping us to uphold the mission, values and Strategic Directions for the next five years of this Multi-Year Strategic Plan. We are grateful for ensuring all students feel safe, welcome and included at school.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini
Director of Education

Maria Felix
Chair of the Board



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Thank you to the students, staff, families and community members who shared their input to help build the mission, values and strategic directions for our school board. Together, you helped build a path forward through:

- 1 Public Meeting with 100+ Participants



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HWDSB Launches New Multi-Year Strategic Plan and Board Improvement Plan

Hamilton, ON – January 18, 2023: On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) launched a **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** and Board Improvement Plan.

HWDSB's five-year MYSP and Board Improvement Plan will guide the work of the school board from 2023 to 2028 and was created through extensive community consultation.

"It was so important that we built this exciting new five-year strategy out of extensive and valuable community feedback, student voice and input from HWDSB families and staff," remarks HWDSB's Chair of the Board and Ward 3 Trustee, Maria Felix Miller. "Together with our communities, HWDSB's focus is firmly fixed on every student feeling a deep and meaningful



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Values

Compassion:

Leading with peace, friendship and love creates space for compassionate accountability, where we are responsible to one another in creating a culture of care.

Dignity:

Reciprocity, anti-racism and anti-oppression lead to a just and equitable learning community, where every person is included, respected and valued.

Trust:

Humility and transparency build the trusted relationships, connections and education system necessary for growth, change and evolution.

Joy:

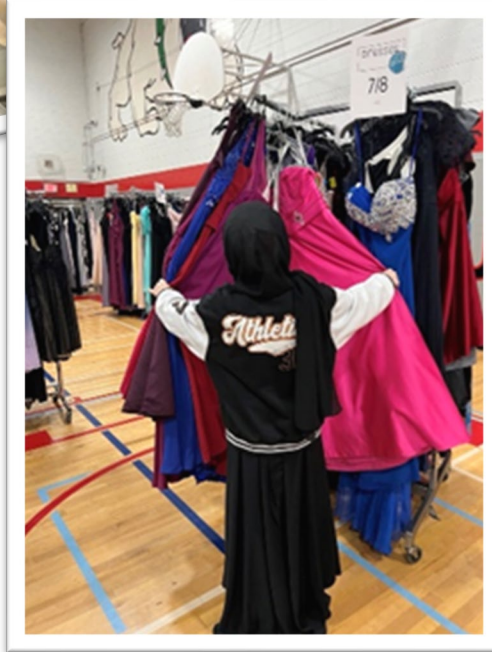
Curiosity, play and fun are catalysts for meaningful student learning outcomes and support joyful and enriching experiences.

Compassion



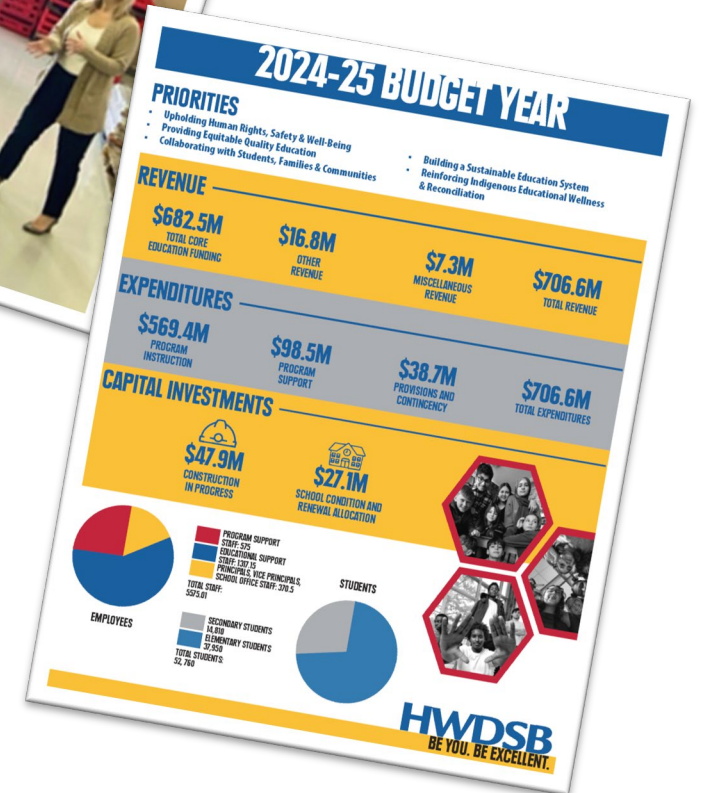
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Dignity



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Trust



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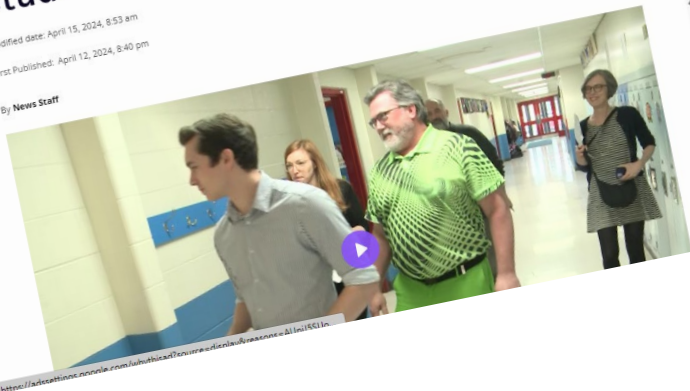


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Students participate in HWDSB Speaks Festival

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HWDSB announces plans for new elementary school in Waterdown

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'The kids are happier': Car-free zone at Hamilton school gets high marks from parents

The 'school street' outside Strathcona elementary aims to reduce traffic and improve air quality.
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Making math add up for struggling Hamilton students

Nearly half of the city's public schools are getting extra math support; But will it equal success?

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Wisner award a nod to great high school coaches

Dundas Valley's Bob Gardiner takes 2024 honour after 30-plus-year coaching career

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Hamilton's Prom Project offers formal wear to students free-of-charge

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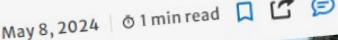


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Focus on Youth program offers Hamilton student summer jobs

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is accepting applications until the end of May for its Focus on Youth summer job program.

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HWDSB Program of the Arts offered at Glendale Secondary School for students in Grade 9-12

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By Laura Brody



From concept to airwaves: student-led podcast amplifies voices and builds community at Bellmore Elementary School

'Podmoore: Voices at Bellmore' was launched at Binbrook school in the fall

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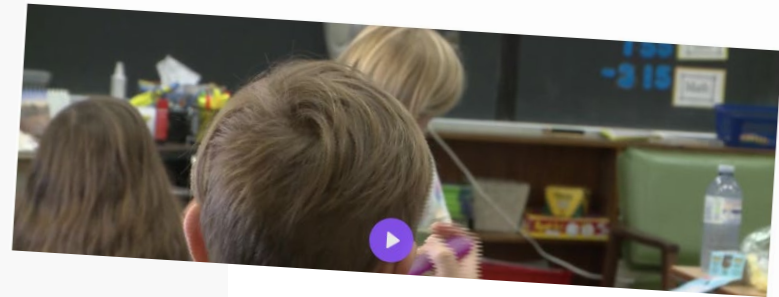
Members of OP Robotics, a FIRST Robotics team at Orchard Park Secondary School, stand with their robot, Low Key, at the Ontario district competition hosted at McMaster University on March 24, 2024.

Federal budget to include funding for Canada-wide school food program

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THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

from Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

On behalf of HWDSB's Board of Trustees and Executive Council, we want to thank students, staff, families and community members for a memorable 2023-24 school year.

To the students of HWDSB, watching your **JOY** in classrooms and schools has been so inspiring. We hope you have a safe and fun summer break after the past ten months of learning, leading and laughing.

HWDSB classrooms, schools and workplaces would not be the special spaces they are without the many dedicated staff members conducting their work with **DIGNITY**. We appreciate your commitment to student achievement and well-being as we celebrate the successes of another year.

We appreciate the **TRUST** from families as you supported your children along their educational journeys. As we prepare for the next school year, we look forward to warmly welcoming you and your children back to HWDSB schools in September 2024.

To the community partners of HWDSB, your **COMPASSION** for the students and families of Hamilton has never been more evident. We are grateful for your contributions and commitments as we close the first school year with our **2023-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** in place.

Our MYSP features five Pillars: **Upholding Human Rights, Safety & Well-Being, Providing Equitable Quality Education, Collaborating with Students, Families & Communities, Building a Sustainable Education System and Reinforcing Indigenous Educational Wellness & Reconciliation**. These Pillars inspired our 2023-24 Board Improvement Plan that will be revisited annually.

In 2024-25, we look forward to updating our Board Improvement Plan with new and dynamic methods to help improve **literacy, numeracy, preparedness, well-being and engagement** experiences for every student. We encourage you to scan the QR code below to visit Engage HWDSB where you can **share feedback** on steps we have already taken and **provide thoughts** on future methods for improvement.

When we say farewell to the school year, commencing students from elementary and secondary schools say some meaningful farewells of their own. We want to close our message by wishing the best to **Grade 8 and Grade 12 students** who are progressing to future stages in their educational, career and personal journeys.

As you celebrate these momentous occasions, we encourage you to reflect on these important chapters in your lives: the friendships you have made, the challenges you have overcome and the dreams you have yet to achieve. Wherever your path may lead, we want you to know that we are so proud of you all and look forward to your future triumphs.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! As you move to your next steps, always remember: **Be You. Be Excellent.**

Thank you, again, to the students, staff, families and community members of HWDSB for a successful 2023-24 school year. We hope you all have happy and healthy summer months and look forward to greeting you again before the first day of the 2024-25 school year on **Tuesday, September 3**.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini
Director of Education

Maria Felix Miller
Chair of the Board of Trustees



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*I slept and dreamt that **life was joy.**
I awoke and saw that **life was service.**
I acted and behold, **service was joy.***

- Rabindranath Tagore



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Thank You!

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