

# NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MISSION STATEMENT VISION STATEMENT

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### POLICY:

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board has the responsibility, as do all boards of the Province of Ontario, to promote academic excellence by providing quality educational programs and services. The distinctiveness of this Board and all Catholic school boards is derived from its added responsibility to integrate and proclaim God's love as committed witnesses and guides in the multi-faceted life of its schools.

### VISION STATEMENT

#### **Rooted in Faith • *Alive in Spirit***

**Rooted** – indicates that the Catholic faith is the foundation upon which our Board exists and operates. Like a tree, the Catholic faith represents the roots, anchoring and giving us stability. The roots also represent the point where nourishment enters and gives life. The Catholic faith gives life to our students and to our Board community.

**Faith** – represents the Catholic faith. Our Catholic School Board is built on the traditions, teachings, practices and values of the Roman Catholic Church. These elements must be present in everything the Board undertakes and provides.

**Alive** – reflects excitement, energy, life, challenges, hope and joy. It gives a sense of vitality and purpose to our Board community as it brings to life the potentials of each student, the richness of our Catholic faith and the realization of the aspirations of all the individuals in our Board community.

**Spirit** – outlines the importance of the Holy Spirit as part of the Trinity. It is the action of the Holy Spirit guiding our spirits. A Spirit for both faith and life. It is through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that each member of the community, each learner, staff member, parent and stakeholder is energized, grows, learns, is motivated and is guided to achieve their potential and be a contributing member of their community, church and society.

### MISSION STATEMENT

As a faith community, we provide learning opportunities that inspire, nurture and celebrate each learner's journey to:

- Reach their full potential.
- Be a contributing member of society.
- Live the richness of their faith.
- Embrace lifelong learning.

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**As a faith community** – Our Board is a faith community mandated to teach, develop and nurture all its learners in the Catholic faith. It is also part of a broader Catholic community and works in partnership with other dimensions of the Church.

**We provide learning opportunities** – Our Board has the responsibility to provide a vast range of learning opportunities for our students, staff and parents.

**That inspire, nurture and celebrate each learner's journey** – Our Board provides motivating, exciting, challenging and welcoming environments that have a richness of faith and purpose. Education is not only about presenting facts and educating, it is also about supporting the development of the whole person, mind, body and spirit.

**Reach their full potential** – Our Board nurtures and facilitates each student's journey by motivating and supporting them in the achievement of their full potential and goals.

**Be a contributing member of society** – Our Board recognizes its key role in developing contributing citizens who are integral to the longer-term sustainability, growth and health of society. Our members resolve problems, support and care for each other, provide leadership and assist the community.

**Live the richness of their faith** – Our Board supports each learner's Catholic faith development through a better understanding and practice of their faith. We provide opportunities for our students to live their faith and to discover the richness of this faith as part of their on-going spiritual journey.

**Embrace lifelong learning** – Our Board nurtures within each learner a real sense of discovery, a love of learning and personal growth recognizing that personal growth and development is a life-long process.

## PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

The following principles and values guide the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board in achieving its vision of being rooted in faith and alive in Spirit:

We believe. . .

- That we are a Catholic faith community, entrusted to proclaim the gospel and teachings of Christ.
- That every person can learn and has unique gifts to offer.
- That each individual learner is worthy of respect and is to be treated fairly and equitably.
- That Catholic education is a partnership between home, parish, community and the Board, working collaboratively to support each learner.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That our learning environments will be centres of excellence that are welcoming, safe, accessible, motivating and alive.</li><li>• That our programs and services will facilitate the multiple needs and abilities of our learners and the aspirations of our community.</li><li>• In an organizational culture that fosters innovation, team approaches, professional development and open communications.</li><li>• In being accountable for the quality of our programs, the effective use of the resources provided to the Board and the outcomes achieved.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">“Loving God, we thank you for allowing Jesus to be with us, for us, around us and in us today and every day. May your Holy Spirit call us and guide us to be rooted in faith and alive in Spirit.”</p>	