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POLICY NAME:	The Mandate and Objectives of The Wellington Catholic District School Board	LAST REVISED:
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WHEREAS:

Roman Catholic schools exist, at the behest of Catholic parents, to provide a Catholic education for Catholic children.

WHEREAS:

The right of Catholic schools to exist is guaranteed in the Canadian Constitution.

WHEREAS:

Trustees elected to serve on Catholic school boards are charged by their supporters with the responsibility to protect, preserve and promote the denominational character of their school system.

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It is appropriate to reaffirm the objectives established by the Board on September 18, 1978.

THEREFORE:

The Wellington Catholic District School Board establishes the following policy.

1. The objectives of the Board are:

To encourage students, as members of the Church, to accept their responsibilities in building up the Kingdom of God.

To offer approved programs of religious education in which will be found clear statements of Catholic doctrine and morality.

To integrate, in a consistent manner, the principles of those programs of religious education into the total curriculum and operation of the school so that an atmosphere of faith pervades the entire school community.

To strengthen the atmosphere of faith within the school community through the ongoing practice of sacramental worship.

To provide, as far as possible, for the individual needs of every student and to promote in every student a sense of dignity and self-worth.

To strive for the highest possible standards of excellence in all aspects of the school curriculum.

To recognize the unique contribution to the cause of Catholic Education which can be made by parents, students, pastors and school staff and to encourage the fullest possible cooperation among them.

2. In all its deliberations and decisions and in the interpretation of policies, procedures and practices, the Board shall continue to be guided by its mandate to preserve, protect and promote the denominational nature of the school system and by the objectives which it has established.