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Good Morning everyone:

I would like to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of BGCDsb. It is both an honour and a privilege. I am looking forward to working with all of our working groups and families as we continue to provide our students with the highest level of innovative, academic and, faith based Catholic Education.

I am pleased to welcome back Norm Bethune as Vice-Chair and look forward to working with my fellow board members, our Director of Education and our Senior Admin(istration) team.

Thank you again to Bev Eckensweiler for her many years as both Vice-Chair and Chair and especially for her support of Catholic Education at the provincial level. I would also like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all our BG staff and community partners, with a special thank you to Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton for their continued spiritual guidance and support for our Catholic Schools in Bruce-Grey.

Even though it is a turbulent time in our province and especially in education we can look forward in this new year with confidence and hope. We are a unified body of individuals. Unified in this case by our faith and a desire to share it with the next generation. Unified in a desire to educate and shape the leaders of tomorrow and unified in our desire to be of service to others. Unity is the key to community, and I look forward to helping to strengthen our community.

I am excited that after much consultation and stakeholder input we are now nearing the end of the process and are looking forward to the roll out and implementation of a new comprehensive strategic plan. It is my sincere hope everyone will recognize common ideas reflected in the 5 pillars and the subsequent goals and objectives for each.

Although the world can occasionally appear dark, we will continue to endeavor with God's help to *Let Our Light Shine* into every classroom and through every student in our board.

Thank you, Merci, Miigwetch

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori Di Castri".

Lori Di Castri
Chairperson

Let Your Light Shine
