

CDSBEO Named One of Forbes' Canada's Best Employers 2025

Kemptville, ON (Tuesday, January 21) - The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO) has been named as one of Forbes' Canada's Best Employers 2025. This prestigious award is presented in collaboration with Statista, the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The award highlights the Board's commitment to fostering a positive work environment that nurtures talent, celebrates diversity, encourages innovation, and works to build a culture of community and faith. CDSBEO was ranked within the top 25 of education sector organizations.



Forbes and Statista conduct independent surveys to identify the best employers in various countries. The selection process for Canada's Best Employers involves surveying over 40,000 Canada-based employees working for companies with at least 500 employees. The comprehensive survey includes personal evaluations from employees, as well as public evaluations from friends, family members, and industry peers. The final score is heavily weighted towards personal evaluations, ensuring that the list reflects genuine employee satisfaction and workplace excellence.

"We are incredibly honoured to be recognized by Forbes as one of the top employers in Canada," said Chris Cummings, Board Chair of CDSBEO. "This accolade reflects our dedication to creating a supportive and inclusive environment. Our faith-based approach and strong sense of community are at the heart of everything we do. This award is a testament to the outstanding contributions and efforts of our incredible staff and the remarkable leadership within our organization that consistently drives us towards excellence."

Laurie Corrigan, Director of Education, echoed these sentiments, stating, "Being named one of Forbes' top employers is a significant achievement for CDSBEO. It reflects our ongoing commitment to our faith rooted in hope, especially during this jubilee year announced by Pope Francis, with the theme of *Pilgrims of Hope*. This recognition aligns perfectly with our dedication to fostering hope, faith, and community among our staff and students."

The rigorous methodology used by Forbes ensures that the recognition is well-deserved. Data from a three-year period is considered, providing a robust differentiation between organizations that consistently perform well and those that may have had a good year. The final ranking is published by Forbes and showcases the top 300 employers in Canada.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 39 elementary and 10 secondary schools across eight counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 13,600 students.

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