

CDSBEO Summer Learning Program 2025

CDSBEO's 2025 Summer Learning Program offered robust opportunities for students from Grades 1 to 6, welcoming 165 participants across four strategically selected sites. Principal of Curriculum and Student Success Brenda Reil presented an overview of the program at the August 26th Board Meeting. Supported by qualified educators, EAs, and consultants, the 2025 program focused on closing learning gaps in literacy and numeracy through targeted instruction and small-group support. Pre- and post-assessments revealed steady gains for learners, with primary students improving foundational reading and math skills, and junior students showing marked progress in fluency, comprehension, and writing. Faith and Indigenous learning were deeply embedded throughout, complemented by social-emotional and experiential learning activities. Additional summer initiatives included a successful Skilled Trades Camp for girls, engaging 81 participants in hands-on workshops, and a thriving secondary e-learning program, with 1,180 registrations and a 94 per cent success rate.

Overwhelmingly positive feedback from students and families highlighted the program's academic, social, and emotional benefits, reflecting the board's commitment to excellence and responsive education for all learners.

"Many thanks to you and your team for all of the hard work that was done to bring these important summer programs to our students," concluded Chair Cummings.

Capital Priorities Update

The Ministry of Ontario's Capital Priorities Program provides school boards with an opportunity to identify and address their most urgent pupil accommodation needs for ministry funding consideration. Capital Priorities are the prime means of funding for new schools (built or purchased), additions, or major renovations. The Capital Priority funding received will support our Strategic priorities of continuing to establish safe and healthy learning environments and environmental conditions for learning. Manager of Plant Operations, Maintenance and Capital Projects Paul Mesman presented information to the Board of Trustees on the projects funded through the Capital Priority Program, including building additions at St. Mother Teresa, St. Thomas Aquinas CHS, Notre Dame CHS, and St. Gregory. The projects, which total \$24 million, will provide an additional 42,000 square feet and 33 new classrooms, serving 762 CDSBEO students. St. Mother Teresa's construction is progressing, with recent completion of steel framing and windows, and interior finishes beginning soon. St. Thomas Aquinas CHS and Notre Dame CHS have a scheduled completion date of January 2027. The St. Gregory Catholic School expansion will add seven classrooms.

From the meeting held August 26, 2025

The Board is currently awaiting a final funding decision from the Ministry of Education on this project.

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