

MEMORANDUM

To: Parents

From: Mark Searson, Director of Education

Re: SCHOOL REGISTRATION – TAX SUPPORT

Welcome to the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board.

It is important that Catholic ratepayers, including parents should continue to declare themselves as separate school supporters in order to ensure that the Province has a record of their support for the Catholic school system. Catholic ratepayers must also declare themselves to be Catholic and separate school electors in order to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections.

Please check your property tax bill or Assessment Notice. If the School Support Designation in the Assessment column is **English Separate (ES)** or English Separate on your Assessment Notice your school support is directed to Catholic schools. If you are not a registered Catholic school supporter, please complete the appropriate forms available at the school office.

IF

BOTH OWNERS ARE CATHOLIC

Complete – Application for Direction of School Support Form

OR

IF

ONE OWNER OR JOINT TENANT IS NON-CATHOLIC

Complete – Application for Direction of School Support Form

PLUS

See Catholic School Lease Agreement Information Sheet

AND Complete – Catholic School Lease Agreement Form

Note that an “English Catholic” designation does not follow you when you relocate. Each time you move it is essential that you re-declare your Catholic School Support.

If you need help in completing the necessary forms, please contact the School Board at 613-735-1031 or 1-800-267-0191, or contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic school system “Schools to believe in!”

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Support Catholic Schools

Catholics Must Declare Support for Catholic Schools

Catholic ratepayers should check their property tax bill, their recent property assessment notice, or contact the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, to ensure they are registered as separate school supporters. An "English Catholic" designation does not follow you when you move, you need to re-declare your support after your relocation.

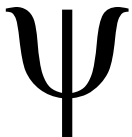
If the school support for your property is directed to Catholic Schools, the School Support Designation on your property tax bill will appear in the **ASSESSMENT** column as **English Separate (ES)** or as **English Separate** on your Assessment Notice. If you are not a registered Catholic school supporter, please contact the School Board's Business Services Department 613-735-1031, or 1-800-267-0191 for help in obtaining and completing the necessary forms, or contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation 1-866-296-6722.

Tenants and owners who do not receive their tax bill directly, can contact the School Board Office to check their school support.

Under the provincial funding formula, the size of a school board's assessment base no longer determines the amount of the board's funding. Nonetheless, the assessment base still serves several important functions:

- It is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools;
- It is used to determine the number of trustees elected to each board to represent the interests of parents and other ratepayers;
- It ensures your right to vote for Catholic school trustees in the upcoming election;
- It supports boards' population projections;
- Should authority to tax be returned to local school boards, a complete assessment base will be critical.

So, please check your tax bill. Remember, you need to make the appropriate change, if necessary. Your support of the Catholic school system in Ontario is important.



For more information, call the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Business Services Department: (613) 735-1031 or 1-800-267-0191 (toll-free)

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