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Good News for Waterloo Catholic Schools

The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation, with the support of the community, has made significant strides in both organizational and program development in the past year. The Foundation has established a strong, committed, community-based board of directors, with a clear purpose, an articulated case for support, and a solid plan to financially help our schools and our children.

Our 17 member, community-based, board of directors was established in December 2002 and is comprised of representation from 3 sectors – business, community and education. Collectively, the board members currently have over 30 children or grandchildren in the Catholic school system...we have a *vested interest in Catholic education!*

With this vested interest in mind and through the generous support of the community, the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation is granting \$1,000, in this school year, to every Elementary and Secondary school in the Waterloo Catholic system to enhance student programs in the arts, athletics, technology, literacy, to support equity for all learners, and to support Faith Formation initiatives. In addition, the Catholic Schools Foundation will partner with our Waterloo Catholic Secondary Schools and co-sponsor the 2004 Catholic Youth Leadership Conference to a maximum contribution of \$10,000.

Our Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation is committed to bridging the gap... making a difference for our children.

We are leading the Catholic community in supporting the short and long term financial needs of our schools. We are committed to working with the community to help the school system ensure that the potential of all learners is realized in all three critical dimensions:

mind * body * soul

Tom Hunter, Chair