



## NEWS RELEASE

### St. Joseph School Principal Achieves Doctorate of Education in Education Leadership

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The Northeastern Catholic District School Board community would like to congratulate Dr. Sean Robertson, Principal at St. Joseph School, for successfully completing his Doctorate of Education in Education Leadership. Dr. Robertson participated in the convocation ceremony from the University of Western Ontario on October 20, 2022. The topic of his dissertation was leadership in special education with a focus on equity and inclusion.



The three-year EdD program, allows an individual to create and use professional knowledge, which one can combine with academic knowledge, to solve complex problems that a team or organization face. Also, the successful graduate will be equipped to lead significant change within one's workplace.

Dr. Robertson commented, "Improving the learning and well-being of our students has always been at the center of my journey as an educator. As a life-long learner, engaging in the Doctorate of Education program gave me the opportunity to expand my knowledge and abilities to motivate our students to maximize their potential—no matter their path. As a graduate of our school system, I also hope my journey inspires others by demonstrating the impact that our staff has on creating positive outcomes for our students. It can go without saying that Catholic education does make the difference!"

The EdD in Educational Leadership is organized around the following foundational understandings in educational leadership whereby learning involves:

- a critical approach to the conceptualization of leadership, policy, and organizational improvement, where equity and social justice are foundational;
- a set of reflective practices required for an educational leader;
- an intersectional analysis of equity and social justice;
- a demonstration of capacity and skills about interpreting and employing evidence;
- a commitment to ethics in leadership; and
- a relational understanding of leadership.

Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education stated "The entire NCDSB family congratulates Sean on this incredible achievement. We feel so blessed to have him as part of our leadership team, and we value his many contributions to our students and system. Sean serves as a living example of a life-long learner, and is deeply committed to improving outcomes for all."

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