



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board  
*Believing, Achieving, Serving*

November 1, 2018

Police Chief Eric Girt  
Hamilton Police Service  
155 King William Street  
Box 1060, LDC 1  
Hamilton, ON. L8N 4C1

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Dear Chief Girt:

*While a lockdown and evacuation in two days is unprecedented for any school/school board, what isn't unprecedented is the outstanding policing provided to Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School by Hamilton Police Service earlier this week. Despite our emergency protocols and training, the events at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> were in many respects uncharted ground. The assistance, counsel and leadership provided by HPS were a tremendous source of support to Bishop Ryan and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board during an extremely difficult time.*

*On behalf of Bishop Ryan and the HWCDSB, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you, Superintendent Will Mason and members of the investigative team, tactical and canine units and communications/media relations department for your dedication, professionalism and leadership as well as your willingness to listen, advise, accommodate and support us every step of the way. Your service reminds us that goodness and hope abound in the world.*

*We pray that we won't ever have to face a situation like this again but it's reassuring to know that our community is in expert hands if we do.*

God Bless,

Handwritten signature of Patrick J. Daly in black ink.

Patrick J. Daly  
Chairperson of the Board

Handwritten signature of David Hansen in black ink.

David Hansen  
Director of Education

cc Superintendent Will Mason