



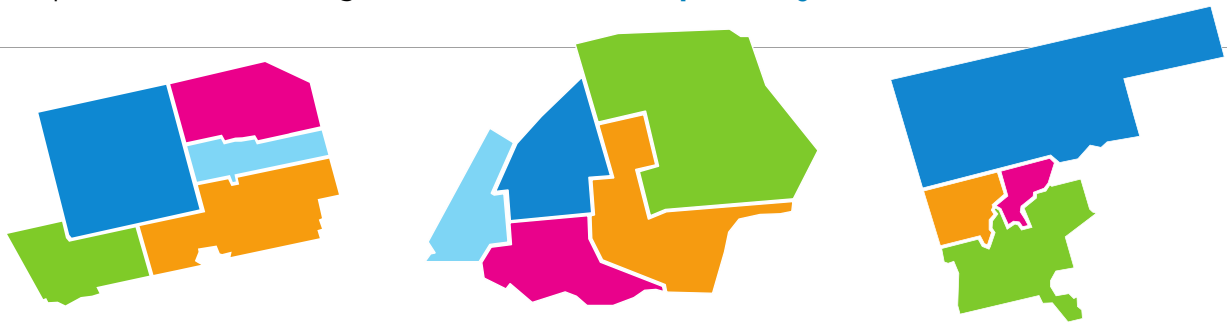
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## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Regular Meeting of the Board

February 27, 2023

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3xVVeKI>



### School Boundary Reviews

Trustees approved motions related to current boundary reviews affecting three areas in Grand Erie: Waterford, Brantford East, and Paris. The recommended motions follow a period of public consultation, with final decisions considering feedback gathered throughout the review process. Changes come into effect next September for Brantford East and Paris, and will be phased in over the next two school years in Waterford. For details, please see page 1 here: <https://bit.ly/3xVVeKI>

### Director's Report Highlights

#### Pillar of Belonging with Guest Speaker Dr. Jean Clinton

Last Thursday, February 23, Grand Erie welcomed Dr. Jean Clinton in a virtual presentation for families hosted by GEPIC, IEAC, SEAC and the Student Senate. Grand Erie has been fortunate to learn from Dr. Clinton's experience and expertise through past event offerings. The focus of last week's presentation was on establishing a deep sense of belonging and connection as a positive state for learning and well-being.





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### Grand Erie Staff at Apple Educator Conference

Grand Erie was well represented in Toronto at the recent Apple educator conference, *Access Ability: Leveraging Digital to Reach all Learners*. The conference focused on using iPads in the classroom to foster curiosity, and to highlight the important role educational leaders play in creating the conditions for inclusive learning.

Thank you to educator Jennifer Anderson-Gatopoulos of James Hillier Public School, Daniel Johnson, vice-principal at Major Ballachey Public School, and technology and innovation educators Miriam Lapeare and Jason Hall for sharing their knowledge and experiences in learning with technology.



Apple  
Educator  
Conference

### Pink Shirt Day: Lift Each Other Up

Schools across Grand Erie took part in Pink Shirt Day last week, finding unique ways to connect to this year's theme, "lift each other up." Students at Waterford Public School, pictured below, took part in activities to reinforce the idea that kindness and empathy starts with each individual, putting the "I in kind."



### Project SEARCH

A unique program and partnership, Project SEARCH prepares young people for success in integrative employment. Broden is one such Grand Erie student, and recently, his volunteer work at St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre was featured to highlight the program. Thank you to educators Andrea Jenkins and Katrina Dalton for sharing the story. Check it out: <https://youtu.be/aWEd9RmBqF8>





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### Kindergarten Registration

The registration process continues, and Grand Erie schools are ready to welcome a new class of learners next September. Here's a reminder of what it means to learn, lead and inspire in Kindergarten, thanks to [this artist and crafter](#) from École Dufferin.



### Additional Items

#### In Memoriam

A memorial statement was read to honour Kayden Huffman, a Kindergarten student at Thompson Creek Elementary School. Grand Erie expresses its deepest sympathies to Kayden's family, his friends, staff members at the school, and everyone connected to this loss.

### Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2021, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this multi-year plan is the vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a mission to build a culture Learning, Well-Being and Belonging for each learner.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

#### Learning

[Talking Through Complex Issues at Onondaga-Brant's Social Studies Summit](#)

#### Well-Being

[School Upgrades Make Way for Optimized Learning](#)

#### Belonging

[Nations/New Start Program Move Enhances Culturally Relevant Learning](#)