

## Message to the Parents and School Communities in Ward 72

From Trustee Larry Kowalczyk

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Dear Parents of Ward 72:

I am sure that you are well aware of recent events involving the release of the *Minister's Guidelines on Best Practices in Respect to Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions*. The intent of this document is to direct Boards in the writing of their policies to be implemented by March 31, 2016. The document was released on January 13<sup>th</sup> and I hope that you take the time to review this document as it has implications for your Catholic children. Here is the link to the document:

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/1626737/91383-attachment-1-guidelines-final.pdf>

In response, Bishop Henry has written a Pastoral Letter entitled *Totalitarianism in Alberta* (click to view):

<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/messages-from-the-bishop.html>

Bishop Henry has clearly outlined that **these guidelines impose an anti-Catholic ideology**. He clearly states that you as parents have the Constitutional right to have your children taught in the fullness of the Catholic faith. Nothing less and nothing dictated by the government of the day.

As your Catholic Trustee it is incumbent on me to inform you of what is happening. Catholic education is not to be compromised and must remain strong for generations to come. You as Catholic parents have a voice and that voice needs to be heard loud and clear. Our children deserve nothing less.

I urge you to please remain abreast of unfolding events. Ward 72 has entrusted me with the duty of protecting and defending Catholic education and that is what I will do. Please call or email me anytime. I look forward to hearing from you.

Continued prayers,

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