

# REGINA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

### NOVEMBER 9, 2020

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This brochure has been prepared for distribution as an information service to all members of the Catholic Electorate. All costs for preparation, production and distribution of the brochure have been shared equally among all candidates.

Please exercise your right to vote on November 9th.



**Ryan Bast**

My name is Ryan Bast. I am a father of three school aged kids, spouse of a teacher in RCSD and an Occupational Health & Safety Manager. I am a member of Resurrection Parish and the Knights of Columbus. As a Trustee, I will stand up for all children and teachers to ensure they have the necessary resources while protecting the sustainability of our Catholic education system through policy governance.

I am engaged in our school community as Treasurer of a Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) and a member of the Catholic Parents Advisory Council (CPAC). I also have years of volunteer experience on boards, committees and non-profits.

My background in OHS and Risk Assessment will bring value to the board; as I recognize the importance of Safety, Mental Health and Wellness support for all students and teachers as we continue to face COVID19.

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I believe in Catholic Education.



**Vicky Bonnell**

I have been a Trustee with the Regina Catholic School Board for four terms, and I am seeking re-election. My dedication, leadership and work ethic have shaped my experience as a Trustee. I am a strong advocate for Catholic education, and I want to continue serving the Regina Catholic School Division.

I am a retired teacher and principal from Regina Catholic. I am also a member of Holy Trinity Parish, Chairperson of the RCMP Catholic Community, Past-President of the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association, and Director with the Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association.

As your elected Trustee, I will continue to:

- Ensure the sustainability of our Catholic education,
- Advocate for funding, resources and supports for our students, staff and schools,
- Engage in meaningful communication with all stakeholders,
- Ensure financial stewardship and risk management.

I ask for your support on November 9th.

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**Rob Bresciani**

I value and respect our rights for a Catholic Education System and appreciate all those who sacrificed so much for those rights. The strong connection between home, school and church make us a Catholic Family. It has been an honour to serve the school division as both trustee and Chairperson. Issues such as Catholic Rights, Proper Funding, Class Size and COVID Safety measures need to be priorities. We must work together as a Catholic Family to ensure we are being heard.

I am an experienced businessman, dedicated to making our community a better place. I am involved in numerous service clubs, church and fundraising committees.

I'm married with three children and bring strong faith, financial and parental perspectives to the Board. I have the leadership skills, experience and drive to ensure that Regina Catholic Schools continue to be a leader in education, allowing our students to achieve their dreams.

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My name is Juliet Bushi I live with my husband and three children.



**Juliet Bushi**

Over the years, three principles have guided my approach to my professional and academic pursuits: Faith, Community Service, and Advocacy. As a culturally diverse educator and Ph.D. candidate (curriculum and instruction), my experiences in conflict and resolution, bargaining, leadership, and teacher education has allowed me to understand issues that impact learning and teaching in the K-12 system.

If elected, I will work hard to ensure:

- That our teachers are well informed, and our schools are equipped with the right resources and funds.
- That school plans and policies reflect the Catholic faith and the diversity of our schools and our province.
- That our schools are a site for reconciliation and anti-racism education
- That our students and teachers have access to mental health support and resources to achieve personal growth and academic success
- That our schools are accessible and our parents are supported and included in their child's education.

Let's make Catholic education a priority.

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As a parent, higher education professional, and proud Catholic, I would like your vote for Regina Catholic School Board Trustee. I have worked in post-secondary education for over 20 years and currently, I am the Executive Director of Campion College, Canada's only Jesuit undergraduate institution.



**James Gustafson**

During this pandemic, I've become even more convinced of the importance of Catholic education in our community. Our five children have flourished and my wife and I have been thankful for the intersection of knowledge and faith which has helped our children during this time.

If elected, I promise to:

- work to support **every** student on their own path so they become well-rounded graduates who are equipped for their future;
- provide parents a strong voice and ally for the education of their children;
- strongly support teachers, administrators, and staff in their valuable work; and
- ensure ethical and sound governance and operations of our school division.

Related experience: former Chair, Holy Rosary Parish Council; Chair, Christ the King Finance Council; Campion College Board of Regents; speaker at Lay Ministry Formation, Marriage Preparation, and Source Regina.

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I am seeking re-election to the Catholic School Board. I will continue to bring a wealth of experience as an educator, public policy consultant and former Director of Pastoral Services.



**Robert Kowalchuk**

I believe that I bring a passionate voice to address the challenges that Catholic education will continue to face in Saskatchewan. My mission will be to support long term decisions that will carry Catholic education forward for many years to come.

I am committed to:

- Defending parental choice for Catholic education
- Advocating for educational funding
- Supporting transparency and accountability for our actions and decisions
- Support the development and maintenance of programs and services that benefit our students
- Continue building positive relationships with our parents, school councils, clergy and educational partners

Together, we will continue to build on our proud history as a Catholic board of Education in this province. With my family's support, I can assure you, my best efforts will be on display.

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My name is Evan Markewich. I want to be your Trustee with the Regina Catholic School Board. My education includes Bachelor Degrees in Economics and History, and a Master Degree in Public Administration. I am currently a Senior Policy Analyst, and I have extensive decision-making and policy development experience. Above all, I am a husband and father!



**Evan Markewich**

My objectives as your trustee include:

- Appropriate funding for teachers. Out-of-pocket spending for teaching aids is unacceptable.
- Reinstate speech-language pathology funding. Essential student services should never be cut to make up for poor fiscal planning.
- Freezing trustee remuneration. Raises for trustees should never be a priority.
- Implementing subdivisions. This will provide a solid base to elect diverse/representative trustees in the future and increase trustee focus on community needs.
- Trustees to submit Criminal Record Checks with vulnerable sector queries. These are essential for any role where children are involved.

**Vote for Evan Markewich.**

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“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person and a good Catholic School, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.”-Pope Benedict XVI.

This statement sums up my philosophy of Catholic Education.

If elected, I promise to listen to and work with all stakeholders-parents, students, staff and clergy-to achieve our common goal of providing every student with an excellent, well-rounded Catholic Education. I also promise to work hard to ensure that the resources that are needed for such an education-be they added supports for students and parents, educational resources for teachers, funding for student retreats and faith events, or faith formation and professional development opportunities for staff-are provided.

I recently retired after 29 years with Regina Catholic Schools. My career focused on three priorities: the Catholic faith, youth, and service. I have served as the Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Regina, High School Religion Teacher/Lay Chaplain, Religion/Family Life Consultant, and Coordinator of Catholic Education Services.

My wife, Diana, and I have been married for 29 years. We have one son, Alex. I am an active member of St. Martin's Parish.

I am the inaugural winner of the Regina Catholic Schools Catholic Leadership Award for service to students, parents and staff. With your support, I hope to continue my service to Catholic education as a trustee.

Thank you and God bless.

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My name is Gay Patrick; I seek your support for election to the Regina Catholic School Board.

My Commitments are:

Future of Catholic Education

- I will make a positive contribution, to ensure long term existence of our Catholic system.
- Board as Vice Chair of Finance Committee for Archdiocese of Regina
- Board of Finance Council Resurrection Parish and members.

Education Is Changing

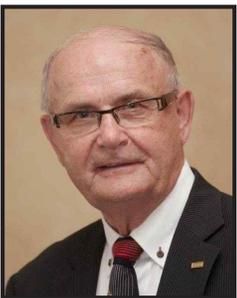
- We live in a high technological world. We need to prepare students for an ever changing world.
- I advocate providing teachers with the training and tools to do so.

Safety in Schools

- Pledge to make our schools as safe as possible during the Covid -19 pandemic.
- I will address all forms of bullying.

Financial Accountability

- With my financial background, I would ensure that any money spent will have a direct positive impact on students learning.
- I'm a retired Fellow of the Certified Management Accountants-now (CPA) and offer a lifetime of Financial Experience, Including Carver Governance.
- Served Following Boards:
- Sask. Polytechnic, Certified Management Accountants, Funeral and Cremation Board



**Gay Patrick**

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Vote for Colina PAUL on November 9:



**Colina Paul**

I believe in Catholic education. I've been married for 25 years and as the mother of 7, volunteer and advocate for youth, I am asking for your support. As a graduate of Dr. Martin LeBoldus High and past Catholic School Community Council member on St. Gregory, St. Pius X, Deshayes and St. Tekakwitha I believe in being involved. My Master's degree and overall work experience in the public, private and non-profit sector has taught me patience, collaboration and innovation.

I am a member of Cowessess First Nation and I truly care about equitable opportunities, well-being and mental health for youth, student and staff safety, and Catholic leadership in schools. As members and volunteers at our church and in the community, my husband, Mike and I are "proud to be a part of the Regina Catholic community and we practice in Respect, Inclusion and Dignity."

Vote for Colina PAUL on November 9 to the Regina Catholic School Board

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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." ~ Mother Teresa

I have a strong voice for our rights and belief in our Catholic Education. My family are active members of Holy Trinity and prior to this at Holy Family. I have built meaningful connections within our church family, our school and our communities.

I am a mom to three boys age 12, 10 and 9, wife, mortgage professional, Co-Chair of our CSCC, representative of our Catholic Parents Advisory Committee (CPAC is a division wide committee) and volunteer within my community. I am ready to utilize my skills to put a voice to teachers, parents, students and staff.

I stand for:

- Smaller Class Sizes
- Mental Health Education and Supports
- Truth & Reconciliation
- Increased Support Staff
- Catholic Education
- Inclusive Education
- Acceptance of all people
- Teachers Needs

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**Shauna Weninger**

**VOTE FOR SHAUNA**

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Retired Inspector from the Regina Police Service. Married to my wife Barbara for 20 years. Throughout my life I have been actively involved in the education community. I attended U of R and received my degree in Education. Joined the Regina Police Service and worked as a Resource Officer. Instructor and Coordinator at the Saskatchewan Police College and Community Police Officer in the North Central Community. Experience in Board positions:



**Darren Wilcox**

Past Chair Sask Sport  
Trustee Regina Police Pension Plan  
Trustee Regina Civic Pension Plan  
Board member U of R Hockey Alumni

If elected I will work to ensure that our students and staff will receive strong support from the community, city, and province. I will help strengthen the sense of family and community I feel when I am in a catholic school.

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