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Dear Families and Community Stakeholders,

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board continues to optimize air quality in schools through improved ventilation and filtration. The NCDSB acknowledges the Ministry of Education in providing funding sources and ventilation units to help us achieve our goal.

Currently, the NCDSB has deployed 275 HEPA units across the district, and these units have been placed in all learning spaces in our schools. Our staff ensures regular filter changes in existing units, and we continue to introduce new units in schools as needed. Office spaces and common areas may also have active units filtering the air. The NCDSB is compliant with all ventilation expectations and requirements.

Major ventilation projects continue in schools as well, with the aim of modernizing and improving air flow systems to support healthier and safe learning environments for students and staff. Improved ventilation is one key element in the multiple protective strategies being used to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools.

Specific project details and ventilation improvements by school can be viewed on the Board's website at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca). Should you have any specific questions about the NCDSB's ventilation plan, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal or a member of the Board team.

Sincerely,

**Tricia Stefanic Wertz**  
Director of Education