

## Trustees select Marianne Mazzorato as new director of Dufferin-Peel Board

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has announced the appointment of Marianne Mazzorato as director designate of education and secretary to the board.

Mazzorato will serve as director designate effective Nov. 16 until Jan. 15, when she succeeds John Kostoff, who will retire after eight years as director.

Mazzorato holds degrees from University of Guelph (bachelor of applied science), University of Toronto (bachelor of education), and Brock University (master of education). She is a currently a doctoral candidate at University of Toronto OISE.

She began her career at Dufferin-Peel in 1983. During her 32 years as an educator, she has served as an elementary teacher, vice-principal, principal, superintendent of schools, superintendent of program and, for the past two years, superintendent of early years, community partnerships/relations. From 2011 to 2013, she was seconded to the Education Quality and Assessment Office (EQAO) as Chief Assessment Officer.

"Marianne Mazzorato brings a wealth of Catholic leadership experience to the director's post," said Board Chair Mario Pascucci.

"The selection process was wholly designed and managed by the Board of Trustees," he added. "It was a difficult process, but we believe Ms. Mazzorato is the person to lead us through the coming years. We look forward to working with her as head of our senior management team."

"The appointment of Marianne Mazzorato represents a bold new direction for the Dufferin-Peel board," Kostoff said. "She brings new ideas and vision to one of the largest and most diverse Catholic school boards in this province."

"I look forward to working with a very strong senior administration team, in conjunction with the board of trustees," Mazzorato said.

"We must strive to continue the great work being carried out in our schools in terms of increasing student achievement and well-being as we continue the tradition of excellence in Catholic education that has been the hallmark of this board."

