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Dear Families of the York Catholic District School Board,

Over the coming days, we hope you will get an opportunity to spend some special time with your loved ones and enjoy the amazing time that is Christmas. Advent and the Christmas seasons are excellent times to think about the blessings we have in our lives.

This Christmas season, we have been reflecting on some beautiful words from the Book of Isaiah 9:2-6:

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined ...
For a child has been born for us,
a son given for us.*

Christmas is a time when we feel compelled to light the darkness, whether it be from the candles on Advent wreaths or the festive lights hanging from roofs and trees. We cannot hide our joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with our friends and family.

For many of our families, this Christmas will be especially joyous, as we will be able to celebrate with our loved ones in a way that was not possible for the past couple of years. After the darkness and isolation that has been present far too often in recent years, this Christmas will be incredibly special.

We want to take a moment to express how proud we are of all the generosity that our communities have shown to those who needed some help. From food drives to warm clothing donations to raising funds for St. Vincent de Paul or ShareLife, your kindness has been a light for so many people. Thank you for living the Gospel mission.

No matter how you will celebrate this Christmas, we hope you will feel the warmth of knowing that the Lord so loves us that he came into the world to be one with us.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Maria Iafrate in black ink.

Maria Iafrate
Vice-Chair of the Board
Trustee for Richmond Hill

Handwritten signature of Joseph DiMeo in black ink.

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