



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees
From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education
Date: December 19, 2022
Subject: **Out of Province Travel**

Recommendation

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the attendance of a senior staff member at the 2023 ThoughtExchange Leadership Summit to be held January 11-13, 2023 in Colorado Springs, CO.”

Rationale

The Attendance of Board Employees at Conventions, Conferences and Seminars Policy (PO319) and its attendant Administrative Procedure (AP319-1) requires that out-of-province travel be brought by the Director to the Board for approval.

ThoughtExchange is a top ranked software company that has been a service provider of the Durham Catholic District School Board since 2020. The company provides an innovative platform to engage with the community in thoughtful discussions on topics of importance. The Board has used ThoughtExchange regularly over the past three years, to provide insight into various consultation processes, including, but not limited to, the development of our new multi-year strategic plan, Inspire 2026. In addition to their software platform, the company model also provides high quality leadership coaching and professional development. A senior staff member has been invited to attend the ThoughtExchange Leadership Summit from January 11-13, 2023.

Participation in this international conference will provide opportunity to network with education leaders from throughout Canada and the United States while developing enhanced capacity to use the platform in more innovative and effective ways, to maximize Board investment. ThoughtExchange covers all costs associated with the conference, accommodations and meals. Transportation costs (approximately \$750) would be partially offset through a funding application for \$500 through the OCSOA professional learning fund.

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