



## HELPING STUDENTS IN NEED TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

### JAMES MCINNIS - BIO

I have been an elementary teacher with the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) since 2008, serving as a classroom Teacher, Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT), and as an Itinerant SERT, in Oakville, Burlington, Acton and Milton. I am currently the Itinerant SERT for the St. Francis Xavier Family of Schools in Milton.

I completed my Master of Education program in the Administration and Leadership stream at the Faculty of Education at Brock University. My thesis research focused on the role of elementary school Principals as leaders of inclusion for students with exceptionalities. I believe that all students can learn and that all students should be provided with the opportunities and supports necessary to reach their full potential.

I have been involved with the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation (HCCEF) for the past six years, first as a staff representative for the Student Guardian Program, and eventually the HCCEF Board as a Director in 2018. I was excited to join HCCEF to work to support students and families in need in our Halton Catholic community. I am currently the Chair of the Allocation Committee and I also sit on the planning committees for both the 24 Hour Fast and Bishop's Dinner events.

I reside in Niagara and am a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Grimsby. I am also a volunteer member of the pastoral care team at the Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital in St. Catharines, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of the Word, assisting with the celebration of weekly mass in the hospital chapel.



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