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## Dear SCDSB Community,

This week, we take time to recognize **Treaties Recognition Week**, an opportunity to reflect on the nation-to-nation relationships that continue to shape who we are today.

We acknowledge that the Sudbury Catholic District School Board sits on the Robinson Huron Treaty territory. Whether we are descendants of the First Nation signatories or the Crown signed on our behalf in 1850, we are all Treaty people.

While this land is now known as the City of Greater Sudbury, the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapitae First Nation have cared for these lands and waters for thousands of years, nurturing the language and culture that grew here. We are grateful to serve students and families from these Nations and beyond.

As a Catholic learning community, we recognize that these lands, waters, and all living things continue to sustain us. Treaties Recognition Week reminds us that we are all Treaty people. It calls us to learn the true history of the Robinson Huron Treaty, to understand our shared responsibilities, and to live out the spirit and intent of those original promises.

During this week, I encourage everyone to take time to:

- Explore the history and significance of the Robinson Huron Treaty
- Invite local Indigenous voices and community partners to share teachings about land, water, and relationships.
- Create space for students to reflect on what it means to be a Treaty person through writing, art, or land-based learning.
- Begin each day with gratitude for the land and water that sustain us, acknowledging our responsibilities to care for both.

Let us take this week to learn about the treaties, honour Indigenous voices, and renew our commitment to reconciliation through education, understanding, and action.

## TOGETHER WE LEAD.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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