



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEPARATE SCHOOL LEASE

Provincial legislation states that only Catholics may be Separate School Supporters. In cases of mixed ownership or tenancy (one party is Catholic, one party is non-Catholic), the educational portion of property taxes are automatically directed to the support of Public Schools. In order for the educational taxes to be directed to the support of Separate Schools, a **SEPARATE SCHOOL LEASE** is required in addition to the Application for Direction of School Support form.

PLEASE NOTE:

- a) 2 copies of the signed and witnessed lease are to be returned to this office or to the school.
- b) **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY.** The \$2.00 fee referred to, is to be paid to the non-Catholic by the Catholic owner or tenant.
- c) **Important!** There is no difference between Separate School Taxes and Public School taxes.
- d) **The SEPARATE SCHOOL LEASE does not in any way affect the ownership or tenancy of your home.**
- e) Due to legislation the non-Catholic party will remain a Public School Elector only. On enumeration forms from the Government of Ontario your records will show the Catholic owner/tenant as a sole tenant of your home and the non-Catholic owner/tenant as a spouse. **This is strictly for school support reasons and does not affect your ownership or tenancy in any way.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please call the Assessment Department at 905-525-2930.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.