

## RESPONSE TO INQUIRY

### Christ The Redeemer Catholic Schools and Clear Water Academy Foundation agree to dissolve relationship

**October 16, 2017**

Christ The Redeemer (CTR) Catholic Schools Board of Trustees and the Clear Water Academy Foundation (CWF) have agreed to dissolve their relationship. CTR Catholic will cease its operation of Clear Water Academy as an alternative school at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The CWF will resume its operation of Clear Water Academy as a private school in the 2018/2019 school year.

CTR and CWF spent considerable time reviewing Bill 1, An Act to Reduce School Fees, and the associated regulations. In CTR Catholic's interpretation of Bill 1 and the regulations, the financial model of the cooperative relationship is no longer viable. The new regulations hinder CTR's ability to use school fees to pay for non-instructional expenses, and this makes the operation of Clear Water financially challenging.

All continuous contract teachers at Clear Water Academy have been notified of the dissolution, and all will be offered contracts of employment by the CWF.

The Ministry of Education was aware of the deliberations regarding this decision and supported both CTR Catholic and the CWF as they contemplated this decision.

Both Dr. Scott Morrison, Superintendent of CTR Catholic, and Mr. Bill Tomiak, Executive Director of the Clear Water Academy Foundation, emphasized that CTR's relationship with Clear Water Academy was superb and that this decision was mutual. Both expressed regret that this relationship was no longer viable.

CTR and CWF are working to continue an ongoing relationship, providing support to each other where possible.