



Cindy Finn, Director general of the Lester B. Pearson School Board and educational leader

I have fond memories of my time as a student at St. John Fisher Elementary School and St. Thomas High School. My passion for education started at an early age, and I credit my teachers for inspiring and encouraging me to discover and pursue various interests. Mr. Roman Jarymowycz was not only an incredible History teacher, but his support and guidance as faculty advisor for the St. Thomas Debate team were instrumental in teaching me public speaking skills. Mr. Ken Chevrier, Mrs. Mary Miller, and Mrs. Sheila Sheehan instilled in me a deep appreciation for English literature and the dramatic arts. These teachers influenced my later decision to study psychology and sociology because they impressed upon me the importance of personal narratives and ignited my curiosity to better understand the human condition.

There was also a strong sense of community service at St. Thomas, and we were encouraged to contribute to making the world a better place through social action. This too played a role in my decision to become a school psychologist and later an educational leader. I am passionate about supporting learners to use their gifts and talents to be successful in life, and I am committed to helping to create the best learning conditions possible for all students.

Continuing in the tradition of excellence that has become the hallmark of the Lester B. Pearson School Board is a source of pride. I am fortunate that in my current role I can contribute to an educational system that has given me so much.