



# NEWS RELEASE

## Sahayma Omenye Takes on NCDSB Student Trustee Role October 2, 2023

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to welcome Sahayma Omenye, a grade 11 student at O’Gorman High School, to the Board of Trustees. Sahayma will represent students on the NCDSB Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 school year.



Sahayma Omenye stated “I wanted to become a student trustee because I hoped to be the voice for students who are afraid to speak up about what they want to see in our school. Every student deserves to have their concerns and opinions heard, and being a student trustee ensured that I could have their voices represented in decision-making processes. Additionally, I aimed to represent our school's diversity at the board table. I value showcasing the variety of cultures here in Timmins, and as a person of colour, I believe it is important to have diverse perspectives and experiences represented in leadership positions. By being a student trustee, I knew I could bring a unique perspective and advocate for the needs and interests of underrepresented communities in our school. This inclusivity and representation would benefit students from diverse backgrounds and contribute to creating a more inclusive and equitable educational environment for all students.”

When asked why Catholic education is important, Sahayma said, “Catholic Education is important to me because it gives students the opportunity to grow and develop their faith while learning. Catholic Education not only focuses on academic development but also emphasizes the values of our faith. It provides a supportive community where students can explore their spirituality and deepen their relationship with God while learning. Moreover, Catholic Education fosters a sense of belonging and unity among students and uplifts one another in their spiritual journey.”

Sahayma likes the variety of clubs at O’Gorman High School “There are so many opportunities to express yourself and do what you love at OHS. Through the clubs I have made a second family within the school. I have travelled with clubs and learned countless lessons from my peers and the experiences I’ve faced. “

Sahayma’s hobbies include dancing with friends. Upon graduation, Sahayma plans to go to Western University and study medical cell biology. Once that is completed, she intends on becoming a pediatrician.

The NCDSB family wishes Sahayma well as she embarks as a Student Board of Trustee.

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