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# SHARON HOBIN ELECTED CATHOLIC BOARD CHAIR

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Even before she was a Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board trustee, Sharon Hobin kept close tabs on what was happening in the world of education.

She taught briefly in her hometown of Halifax and then was heavily involved in school councils while her children attended Catholic school in Mississauga.

Hobin believes that background, coupled with what she's done through 12 years as a Dufferin-Peel board trustee, will help her in her new role as chair of the board.

"I was very blessed that I walked in as a trustee and kind of knew the issues we were facing," said Hobin, who was elected chair on Tuesday, Dec. 4, during the board's inaugural meeting. "I really feel I've always been in the education world in some way or another."

Hobin has served as trustee for wards 2 and 8 in Mississauga since 2006. Also at the board meeting, Thomas Thomas, trustee for Mississauga Ward 5, was elected vice-chair of the board.

As chair, Hobin said she is dedicated to



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Sharon Hobin, longtime Mississauga Wards 2 and 8 trustee, elected Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board chair.

"protecting and preserving" Catholic education in the province.

Also among Hobin's priorities is looking at ways to prevent schools from being shut down due to low enrolment.