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## **CPCO Statement on New Math Curriculum**

TORONTO: The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) welcomes the Ministry of Education's update to the Grade 9 math curriculum.

"We are pleased that the government has taken a step forward in their plan to end streaming for Grade 9 students. The practice of streaming students has had a disproportionately negative impact on lower-income and minority students, leading them away from university access," said CPCO President Blaine MacDougall. "As the government continues down the path of destreaming, we, as educators and administrators, would also remind policymakers that if students are to truly benefit from this initiative, we need to ensure that our schools receive the complementary levels of resources, professional development, adequate preparation time and supports to provide for student success."

"Ensuring that students are properly equipped with the skills they need is an integral part of supporting their success now and in the future. With the addition of new mandatory topics, such as coding, data literacy, mathematical modelling and financial literacy, students will be better positioned for the evolving nature of the job market, while gaining applicable life skills," added MacDougall.

CPCO will continue working with our partners to support Catholic administrators in their efforts to create a safe learning and working environment for all.

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