



# DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

CUSTOMER SUCCESS STORY

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# OVERVIEW

**The District School Board of Niagara is a school board in the public school system of Ontario, Canada, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.**

Headquartered in St. Catharines, the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) operates schools in each of the twelve municipalities in the region.

In today's society, it is essential for students to have strong literacy and numeracy skills. The District School Board of Niagara is diligent in its efforts to support students and help them achieve success in these core areas. This approach involves recognizing that all students are unique individuals, assessing their needs, and then tailoring specific programs to boost their confidence and improve their skills.

Sharing the same values as Chalk.com, DSBN firmly believes that all children can learn, no matter their background and experience.

Providing this quality education demands a well-trained, energetic and empathetic

workforce. The District School Board of Niagara employs almost 3,000 teachers and more than 1,300 support staff to teach over 36,000 students in 88 elementary schools and 18 secondary schools. Whether in the classroom, on the playing fields, or even in the cafeteria, these dedicated individuals bring the mission of “working together to inspire and empower all learners to reach their full potential” to life each and every day.

## At a glance.

<b>Students:</b>	36,000+
<b>Teachers:</b>	3,000+
<b>Level:</b>	JK-Grade 12
<b>Solutions:</b>	Chalk.com Campus IPS



# SOLUTION

## **The District School Board of Niagara is leading the charge in innovation.**

Not only is the district embracing technology, DSBN have created an Educational Research and Innovation HUB dedicated for the collaboration of educators, students, researchers, entrepreneurs and educational technology companies to support the development of innovative educational approaches, tools and resources.

In 2013, the District School Board of Niagara identified a need for a teaching productivity tool set that could:

- Improve lesson planning structure
- Develop a stronger Professional Learning Community
- Enable collaboration amongst teachers.

The District School board of Niagara favoured Chalk.com Campus because of peer recommendations and for its:

- Familiar and intuitive user interface
- PLC environment to share content and best practice
- Integration to the Ontario Curriculum that allows for ease of tracking right within a teacher's planner
- Integration into existing DSBN systems

Brightspace by D2L is the Learning Management System of choice at the District School Board of Niagara. Chalk.com is an official partner of D2L and has provided the tight integration needed. For a teacher, the entire Chalk.com Integrated Productivity Suite is available right within Brightspace— no extra login needed.





“There are very few people in edtech who know what they are doing. The Chalk.com team is highly innovative, competent, and focused on meeting teacher needs.”

**Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer, DSBN**

# RESULTS

## The District School Board of Niagara is leading the charge in innovation.

High adoption of the system has been an indicator of success for the District School Board of Niagara. Teachers are saving time, allowing them to give more attention to the students. With Chalk.com, teachers are also collaborating more effectively and sharing best practices while consistently tracking to the Ontario Curriculum.

**“Everyone is really excited with how easy it is to use and how much it cuts back on the time we spend working on our day plans!”**  
— Grade 7/8 teacher, DSBN

Chalk.com continues to work with the District School Board of Niagara enabling them to serve students, parents, and teachers more effectively, and create innovative solutions for enhanced teaching and learning.



**Dino Miele**, CIO, DSBN

# ABOUT CHALK.COM

**We recognize the difference an inspiring teacher has on student success.**

We believe in empowering teachers and administrators through technology. We acknowledge the increasing importance of education technology. Helping teachers harness the power of technology built especially for their needs is at the forefront of our vision. We know that our solutions will help your organization improve its teaching practices, and we are committed to working with you on an ongoing basis to ensure that your specific needs are met.

Chalk.com is a suite of productivity apps for K-12 teachers. Used in over 20,000 schools worldwide, Chalk.com solves the problems of lesson planning, assessment, and collaboration all designed with the teacher in mind. Tying these apps all together is a powerful predictive analytics engine that helps to drive student success.

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