

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:  
**January 15, 2008**



## CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

### Prescott Catholic School Architectural Plans Unveiled

Manager of Plant and Maintenance, Bernie Kehoe, along with Jerzy Jurewicz and Xu Feng from the architectural firm of Edward J. Cuhaci and Associates Architects Inc., presented the preliminary design for the new school to be built in Prescott on the current St. Joseph Catholic School site.

The facility will replace St. Joseph and St. Mark Catholic Schools. The project is funded by the province's Prohibitive to Repair (PTR) capital program.

Mr. Kehoe told the Board that the design is virtually identical to St. Gregory Catholic School in Carleton Place. "Our Catholic community in Prescott is going to have a state-of-the-art, modern facility that will unite both of these schools under one roof."

The school will have 18 classrooms, an administrative area, library with computer lab, and modern gymnasium. Several energy efficient systems are also included in the plan to help the school be as environmentally friendly as possible.

The layout of the grounds will also increase the size of the current bus loop, thus improving student safety.

"We are very pleased with this design," added Mr. Kehoe. "It will

not only benefit our students, but it will also be of great use to the wider community for many years to come."

The new school will be known as St. Mark Catholic School. The name was selected by a committee of parents and staff from the Prescott Catholic community and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Construction of the project is due to begin in June 2008.

### New Transportation Web Component Unveiled

CDSBEO Manager of Transportation, Nicole Makinson, presented the Transportation Department's new section of the Board's website to Trustees.

"The new section gives students, parents, and our partners a detailed resource when they have a transportation related question or concern," said Ms. Makinson.

The central focus of the section is safety. "There are sections devoted to all of those who play a role in the transportation of our children. Among others, there is a section for first time riders, for drivers, and for parents."

The site also includes quick and easy access to operator phone numbers. Information on inclement conditions is provided as are details of what would lead to cancelling buses on a

given day. "A link is now found at the top of our front page, giving parents and the media access to cancellation information quickly," said Ms. Makinson.



### National Recognition for Board's Transportation Department

Canadian Safe Schools has taken an active role in the safety of all students when it comes to transportation.

CDSBEO Manager of Transportation, Nicole Makinson, was part of a panel discussing driver training in a series of videos which are available at [www.canadiansafeschools.com](http://www.canadiansafeschools.com).

Ms. Makinson told the Board, "I am very proud that we have a voice that is heard nation-wide."

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, thanked Ms. Makinson for her dedication to excellence. "Thank you for the efforts of your department. We know we have a transportation system that is outstanding and serves our students well."

#### Meetings / Events

Feb. 1 Professional Activity Day  
Feb. 18 Family Day (no school)

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#### Next Board Meeting:

February 5, 2008  
7:00 p.m.  
Kemptville  
Board Office