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Sod Turning Ceremony to be held at Site of New St. Mark Catholic School, Prescott

Prescott, ON – Members of the media are invited to attend the sod turning and site blessing ceremony for the new St. Mark Catholic School to be held Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the current St. Joseph Catholic School – 420 McAuley Road in the town of Prescott.

The ceremony will be attended by local clergy, Trustees, Senior Administration, students, parents and representatives of both local and provincial government.

The facility will bring the Catholic school communities of St. Joseph and St. Mark Catholic Schools together under one roof. The name St. Mark Catholic School was selected by a school committee from the Prescott Catholic community and approved by the Board of Trustees. Principal Kathy Laushway, stated, “Our greater Catholic community has wanted one school to house all of our students for some time. Our two schools do so much together and we are excited at the new possibilities this new building will bring.”

The school was designed by the architectural firm of Edward J. Cuhaci and Associates Architects Inc. It features 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. The facility is expected to be of great use to the Prescott Community for years to come.

The project is funded by the Government of Ontario’s Prohibitive to Repair (PTR) capital program and construction is due to begin by the end of June.

For more information, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206 or 613-859-0678 (mobile).

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