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CDSBEO to Launch Specialist High Skills Major Pilot Project: BUILD Construction Technology Program

Kemptville, ON – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is inviting the Catholic school community and media to attend the official launch of the next phase in the Board’s Construction Technology Program. The launch is scheduled for Friday, October 19 at 11 a.m., at Notre Dame Catholic High School, 157 McKenzie Street, Carleton Place.

The CDSBEO is proud to announce that the next phase of the BUILD Program has been approved by the Ministry of Education as a pilot for the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in the Construction sector.

The BUILD Program is a specialized construction technology program lead by Notre Dame CHS teacher Bill Howe. The program sees students build new structures and take part in renovation projects. Students are involved in all facets of construction including: framing, plumbing, electrical, insulating, roofing, plastering, painting, and siding installation.

The SHSM is an exciting new learning opportunity for secondary students. The specialized program is a community-partnered construction initiative supported by the local business sector, Algonquin College Perth Campus, and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. The Construction sector program is based on industry-identified preparatory knowledge, skills, certifications, “reach-ahead”, and “on the job” learning opportunities. Participating students will develop their Ontario Skills Passport, and have opportunities to explore the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and the School College Work Initiative.

Students will receive training and certification in the following sector-specific requirements: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS), Standard First Aid, Fall Arrest, CSAO Health & Safety-Basic, Traffic Control, Electrical Safety, Confined Space Awareness, Hoisting & Rigging.

One project will see the next phase of the CDSBEO’s Camper Cabin Cooperative launched. The Camper Cabin Cooperative is a program run in partnership with the Parks of the St. Lawrence Commission. It began in the spring of 2006, with the development of architectural plans for camper cabins to be built at various parks along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The first

cabin constructed under the partnership was built as a summer co-op project in 2006. The next phase of the partnership will see the Construction Technology Program at Notre Dame CHS in Carleton Place construct another cabin during the 2007-2008 school year. Upon completion, the cabin will be transported to the Ivy Lee Campground, near Gananoque. The Parks of the St. Lawrence Commission is optimistic about the continued partnership with the CDSBEO and hopes to add at least six cabins to each of the five parks it operates along the St. Lawrence Seaway between the Quebec/Ontario border and Kingston.

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The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.