

# **NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO**

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## **CDSBEO Celebrates United Nations' World Teachers' Day**

**Kemptville, ON** – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is proud to join dozens of countries world-wide in marking The United Nations' World Teachers' Day on Friday, October 5, 2007.

CDSBEO Director of Education Bill Gartland said that this year's World Teachers' Day theme *Quality Teachers for Quality Education* closely follows what the Board strives for every day. "We believe in delivering the highest quality Catholic education to our students. That goal can only be achieved with the determined effort for Catholic education that our teachers bring to their classrooms. We are very grateful for the passion our teachers bring to teaching the Gospel values of Christ and their determination for our students' success."

The dedication of CDSBEO teachers is visible in the continued upward trend of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessment results. "Our teachers embrace the programs we offer and the delivery of material allows students to grasp the importance of literacy and numeracy and to be excited about learning," said Mr. Gartland. "The significant gains made since the EQAO assessments were first administered would not be possible without the wonderful rapport our teachers share with our students."

Board Chair Ronald Eamer expressed his gratitude for CDSBEO teachers as well. "Our teachers are a key reason our Catholic school system is such a success. Our Board has been recognized for many initiatives and the successful implementation of our programs. None of that would be possible without our teachers and the work they do. They are a cornerstone in our Board, and the foundation on which our students' success is built."

October 5 was officially recognized as World Teachers' Day by The United Nations in 1994. At that time, governments formally acknowledged the need and importance for every society to have competent and qualified teachers. The day marks an opportunity for teachers of all faiths and cultures to highlight the challenges they face, the importance of teacher training and to share common successes.

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.