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Director of Education Ann Perron Seconded by the Ministry of Education, Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat

Kemptonville, ON – The Ministry of Education has seconded Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario Director of Education Ann Perron for a period of three years.

Ms. Perron's term with the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat begins January 1st, 2007 at which time **Acting Director of Education Bill Gartland** will be assuming Ms. Perron's current position. Mr. Gartland is currently the Superintendent of Human Resources and Staff Development.

Ms. Perron stated, "I know the board will be in very capable hands with the leadership of Mr. Bill Gartland and the senior team. It was a difficult decision to leave the Board at this time. I have been fortunate to work with a supportive senior staff and board of trustees as we continue to strive for the best in Catholic education for our students. Our Board continues to be a provincial leader in our focus on the transformational nature of Religious Education and outreach to the wider community. The Board is truly blessed by the on-going efforts made by all of our staff and their dedication to Catholic education in Eastern Ontario. Our EQAO results continue an upward trend at all grade levels with new literacy and numeracy programs."

"The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is an example of how Catholic education can benefit students. This is a wonderful Catholic community and it shows in the dedication and involvement of our parents and parishes as our students journey toward becoming Catholic graduates," added Ms. Perron.

Of the secondment Ms. Perron said, "I am honoured to work with Dr. Avis Glaze and the leadership team at the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat. They have established strong relationships with all educational partners, made a tremendous impact on boards, and ultimately have raised student achievement across the province. I will continue to be an advocate and liaison with Catholic boards of education."

A Passionate Catholic Educator

CDSBEO Chair Ronald Eamer congratulated Ms. Perron. "We are sorry to lose Ann to this secondment, but are grateful for her dedication to our students and our Board. Her passion for

Catholic education has served as an inspiration to not only everyone across our Board, but has extended to those who have heard her speak or benefited from the sharing of our practices with others. Under her leadership, the Board has maintained its reputation as one of the most respected Catholic Boards in the province.”

Mr. Eamer added, “We are extremely pleased for Ann and know she will be a strong voice in support of Catholic education with the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat.”

For more information and interview opportunities, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at (613) 258-7757 or (613) 859-0678 (mobile).

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.