

## News Release

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### **CDSBEO Welcomes Catholic Student Trustee for 2011-2012 School Year**

**Kemptville, ON** – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is pleased to announce that Grade 12 Student Sarah Norton, from St. Mary CHS in Brockville, has officially been sworn in as Catholic Student Trustee for the 2011-2012 school year.

After being sworn in at the Board Meeting held on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Ms. Norton said, "I am looking forward to working with my fellow Trustees, Senior Administration, and of course the students from across our Board. I think this role has given me a wonderful opportunity, and I plan to make it an enriching learning experience."

"I know I echo the sentiments of my fellow trustees when I say that we are very pleased to welcome Sarah to our Board," said Board Chair, Ron Eamer. "Just by speaking with her, it becomes apparent, very quickly, that Sarah is very proud of our Board and the work being done by our students in our Catholic school communities."

In her new role, Ms. Norton represents the more than 13,000 students across the Board. She will also be leading the Student Senate, which is made up of representatives from all CDSBEO secondary schools. The Senate discusses student issues, gathers student opinion and helps to develop communications with all students within the board. It also provides a means for student council leaders and senators to gain leadership skills and share positive experience and training while promoting and enhancing the Catholic distinctiveness of CDSBEO schools. "I am very much looking forward to being inspired by what my fellow Catholic students are doing in their communities to make a difference," said Ms. Norton.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, welcomed Ms. Norton to her new role. "You have an outstanding outlook when it comes to the role of Catholic Student Trustee, and we look forward to working with you this year."

Ms. Norton will also take leadership roles in Board-wide projects and initiatives such as the Just-Us Youth Day held in November, and she will travel within Ontario to meet with other

***We walk in good company!***

Ronald Eamer  
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland  
Director of Education

Student Trustees at various conferences. "I am really looking forward to meeting students from across Ontario to hear what they are doing in their schools, and to share all the wonderful things that we are doing in ours."

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).

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 13,500 students.

**Attached Photo:**

**Student Trustee:** Catholic Student Trustee, Sarah Norton (centre) is welcomed by Board Chair, Ron Eamer (right) and Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland (left) at the CDSBEO Board Meeting held on August 30, 2011.

