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Kemptville – With great sadness, the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario announces the sudden death of David Farris, a teacher at Notre Dame Catholic High School in Carleton Place. Mr. Farris, 46 years of age, died suddenly on May 23, 2005.

For the past nine years, David has been an active member of the Notre Dame Catholic High School community. David contributed countless hours with students on the annual Notre Dame yearbook. He was an advocate and strong supporter of the school's athletic department and served as a coach for the school's badminton, track and field and hockey teams. Even when David was not coaching, he was always on the sidelines cheering on his two children - Bryanna, a Grade 8 student at Notre Dame, and Zachary, a Grade 10 student at the school.

David was often found behind the scenes of many performing arts productions at Notre Dame. He played an integral part in the lighting and sound operations for these shows. He was also a leader in the area of Communications Technology.

Director of Education *Ann Perron* says David will be remembered by the entire Notre Dame School community and as a loving husband of Sheila Farris, the Board's Supervising Principal of the Student Success Initiative. Ms. Perron states, "We will all miss Dave's contributions to our Catholic school system. Our prayers are with Sheila, his children, friends and family. We will keep them in our thoughts and intentions, and bid them strength in this time of sorrow."

The Board's crisis response support group has been on hand to offer support and counselling for students and staff of Notre Dame this week.

A visitation will be held at the Kerry Funeral Home, 61 Lake Avenue West in Carleton Place, on Thursday, May 26, 2005, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 27, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Carleton Place. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Carleton Place Minor Hockey Association are appreciated.

***"Eternal rest grant unto David, O Lord,
And may perpetual light shine upon him. Amen."***

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