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Retiring Director of Education Joins Mood Disorders Society of Canada

Kemptville, ON (Monday, November 27, 2017) – Wm. J. Gartland, retiring Director of Education for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, has been appointed to the role of Associate National Executive Director for the Mood Disorders Society of Canada (MDSC), effective January 2018. In his role as Director of Education with the CDSBEO, Mr. Gartland has always prioritized staff and student mental health as an important facet of the Board. During his time, he has overseen the implementation and development of several notable mental health initiatives, and placed the CDSBEO as leaders in providing mental health programs and supports in the education sector.

"I believe it is our moral responsibility to be focused on mental health and wellness of those we teach, those we serve, and those we employ. MDSC was very helpful as we embarked on developing supports for students, parents and staff," noted Mr. Gartland.

CDSBEO Chair Todd Lalonde noted that Mr. Gartland has guided the Board with a great vision for positive growth that has resonated throughout CDSBEO schools. "Director Gartland is a passionate advocate for mental health, and strong catalyst for many of the programs which have been implemented in the Board. This move is a complement to the knowledge and leadership skills he has demonstrated during his time with the CDSBEO."

In his new role, Mr. Gartland will focus nationally on MDSC programs, resources and advocacy work, and will work to build upon existing programs and services.

"I am delighted to be joining a national organization with committed individuals wanting to make a difference."

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 12,800 students.

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