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Catholic Student Trustee Installed for the 2017-2018 School Year

Kemptville, ON (Tuesday, September 5, 2017) – The **Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario** is pleased to announce that Andrew D'Alessio, a grade 12 student at St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School in Cornwall, has been installed as the next Catholic Student Trustee for the CDSBEO. Mr. D'Alessio has assumed the position from Alexa Meeson, who served for the 2016-2017 school year.

"As the new Catholic Student Trustee, I'm looking forward to working closely with the other secondary schools across the Board. I also look forward to being the voice for all CDSBEO students at the Board table."

Trustee D'Alessio was elected to the position earlier this year by the Student Senate.

"The CDSBEO has been so fortunate to have had excellent student trustees," remarked Board Chair, Todd Lalonde. "We look forward to working with Trustee D'Alessio in his new role."

"I am very confident Andrew will be an exemplary advocate and a strong voice for all students in our Board," noted Director of Education Wm. J. Gartland.

"The CDSBEO truly values the voice of our students, and we look forward to hearing about the great things happening in our schools through Andrew in his new role."

As Catholic Student Trustee, Andrew D'Alessio will represent the more than 12,800 students across the Board. He will lead 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 across the CDSBEO. It also provides a means for student council leaders and senators to gain leadership skills.

In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees and the Catholic Student Senate, Trustee D'Alessio will have the opportunity to meet other Student Trustees, and Trustees from across the province.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across eight counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 12,800 students.

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Photo left to right: Catholic Student Trustee Alexa Meeson (2016-2017) and Catholic Student Trustee Andrew D'Alessio (2017-2018)

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