

CDSBEO Selects New Director of Education

Kemptville, ON (Tuesday, June 3, 2025) - The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is pleased to announce that Shelley Montgomery, Superintendent of Student Success, Elementary, with the Ottawa Catholic School Board has been selected as the new Director of Education, effective July 1, 2025.

Director Montgomery will take over the position from Laurie Corrigan, who announced her retirement in January, after serving in the position since February 2022.

"I am honored to join the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, an organization known for its exemplary commitment to faith-based education and student success. My experience has taught me the value of collaboration, innovation, and a shared vision. I am eager to contribute to this vibrant community and to build upon its strong traditions while embracing opportunities for growth and transformation. Together, I believe we can continue to empower students and strengthen the foundation of excellence that defines CDSBEO."

Board Chair Chris Cummings expressed his support for the new director. "Shelley's dedication and extensive experience in Catholic education are commendable and she will be a great asset to our board. The Board of Trustees is fortunate to have found such an outstanding candidate. Throughout her distinguished career, she has shown commitment as an educator and gained experience in both urban and rural schools. I, along with the Board of Trustees, look forward to working with her in this new role."

Retiring Director of Education Laurie Corrigan noted, "Our Board will greatly benefit from Shelley Montgomery's extensive experience in Catholic education and her dedication to student success. Her leadership as Superintendent with OCSB has proven her ability to effectively plan for students' needs. I am confident that her passion for innovative education will enhance CDSBEO and further advance our multi-year strategic planning goals."

Shelley Montgomery brings extensive experience in education, leadership, and curriculum development to her role as Director of Education. She has served as a Supervisory Officer with the Ottawa Catholic School Board since 2019, overseeing portfolios such as student achievement, Indigenous education, equity, and early years programs. A bilingual educator with a Master's in Education, she is also a university instructor and public speaker, having presented internationally on innovative pedagogies. Her accomplishments include creating environmental and equity frameworks, leading virtual learning initiatives, and fostering critical thinking in the age of AI. She has also consistently demonstrated commitment to student success and community engagement.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 39 elementary and 10 secondary schools across eight counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 13,600 students.

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