

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CDSBEO Chair Todd Lalonde Acclaimed OCSTA Regional Director (Region 10)

Kemptville, ON (Wednesday, May 1, 2019) – Trustees from the **Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario** attended the 89th Annual Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting and Conference, which was held April 25 through 27 in Toronto. Attended by over 230 delegates from across the province, the event provides a forum for the election of regional representatives to the provincial board, and to acknowledge and honour the service and commitment of Ontario's Catholic school trustees.

At the gathering, Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario Chair Todd Lalonde was acclaimed to a third term as the OCSTA Regional Director for Region 10, which includes the CDSBEO, the Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB, and the Renfrew County CDSB. Chair Lalonde will serve in this position for a two-year term. Lalonde also chaired the conference committee and emceed the AGM banquet.

"I am honoured and excited to continue in this role as Regional Director," noted Chair Lalonde. "Over the last 13 years I have learned extensively about the distinctive needs, as well as the accomplishments of our Catholic learners. I am grateful to have the opportunity to enrich the experience of Catholic education for all students across Ontario."

Chair Lalonde is currently serving his thirteenth year as Catholic School Board Trustee with the CDSBEO.

"It is with gratitude that I acknowledge all the candidates who stepped forward to serve the mission of Catholic education at the provincial level as an OCSTA Regional Director. The newly acclaimed and elected trustees take on a responsibility to serve the best interests of students and the priorities of Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools. I welcome their commitment and support for the important work we do as part of Ontario's vibrant education system," said OCSTA President Beverley Eckensweiler.

Established 89 years ago to unify and advocate on behalf of Catholic families and all supporters of Catholic education, OCSTA continues to fulfill its mandate to promote and protect Catholic education. The foundation for that work is established at the Annual General Meeting.

-30-

Media contact:

Amber LaBerge

Communications Officer

613-258-7757, ext. 3024 or 613-485-0268

amber.laberge@cdsbeo.on.ca