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Todd Lalonde Acclaimed Board Chair, Ron Eamer Acclaimed Vice-Chair at CDSBEO Annual Meeting

Kemptville, ON (Wednesday, December 4, 2019) – Mr. Todd Lalonde, Trustee for City of Cornwall and Glengarry County, has been acclaimed to the position of Chair for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario at the Annual Board Meeting held on December 3, 2019. It will be the fourth term as Chair for Mr. Lalonde, who is entering his fourteenth year as a Catholic school board trustee.

Chair Lalonde addressed trustees, senior administration, and guests, "First and foremost I want to thank the board of trustees for the opportunity to serve another year as Chair of the Board. I am humbled to be able to work alongside such a great group of people, as trustees and as friends. It is always such a pleasure to hear the wonderful things being said about our Board across the province - it is a sincere compliment to all school staff, as well as administration, for the exceptional work that they do. I look forward to continuing in my role as Chair and am grateful for this opportunity."

City of Cornwall and Glengarry County Trustee Ron Eamer was also acclaimed during the annual meeting to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board. Mr. Eamer has served as CDSBEO trustee since 1981, serving terms both as Chair and Vice-Chair. The meeting was the 39th annual meeting attended by Trustee Eamer.

"I would like to thank all CDSBEO employees at every level of this organization for their service – they are what make us so special. We are undoubtedly an amazing board as measured against others across the province, and I am proud to be here to serve in any way I can."

Director of Education John Cameron, congratulated Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Eamer. "Both Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Eamer have demonstrated their commitment to the Catholic education. Their leadership and guidance is pivotal to our Board's success."

Chair Lalonde also thanked Archbishop Terrence Prendergast for being part of the celebration, and for working in close partnership with the CDSBEO. Archbishop Prendergast presided at mass to begin the evening. Archbishop Prendergast offered his thanks to trustees and senior administration for the work they do to preserve and protect their Catholic faith and Catholic education.

The 2018-2022 CDSBEO Board of Trustees are:

Jennifer Cooney - Trustee, Lanark County

Ron Eamer - Trustee, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County

Todd Lalonde - Trustee, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County

Brent Laton - Trustee, Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township

Robin Reil, - Trustee, City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County

Karen McAllister - Trustee, Dundas and Stormont Counties

Sue Wilson - Trustee, Prescott and Russell Counties

Josephine Purcell - Catholic Student Trustee, 2019-2020

Director of Education Presents Annual Report

Director Cameron presented the 2019 Director's Annual Report to the Board of Trustees at the meeting. "It is a pleasure to present to you the Director's Annual Report, and to bring attention to the exceptional accomplishments of our Board over the past year," remarked Director Cameron.

The report reviews successes in areas such as student achievement, mental health, faith development, and program initiatives.

The Director's Annual Report is now available for viewing on the CDSBEO website (www.cdsbeo.on.ca), and the video version is available to view on the CDSBEO YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/CDSBEOVideo>).

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 13,000 students.

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Attached image **CDSBEO.jpg**, left to right: Ron Eamer (Vice-Chair), Todd Lalonde (Chair), John Cameron (Director of Education)

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