

MARTIN DRAINVILLE SWORN IN AS CATHOLIC TRUSTEE FOR NCDSB

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Martin Drainville as trustee for the region of Haileybury, New Liskeard, Cobalt, Coleman, Temagami, Latchford and surrounding areas. Drainville was sworn in at the public board meeting held today at the Catholic Education Centre in Timmins.

Drainville looks forward to beginning his mandate with the Board. "I see myself as a strong team player and a consensus builder," stated Drainville. "Through my experience on various committees and community groups, I have developed the ability to listen to others, to synthesize various perspectives and to build consensus. I look forward to the chance to learn and grow as part of the Catholic school board. In the role of trustee, I see the opportunity to continue to help nurture the relationships between school, parish and community. I will strive to promote Christian values throughout our Catholic education system, to ensure that it remains a spiritually vital force in our communities."

Drainville is well known in the community and has acquired much knowledge about the education system through his work with the Catholic School Council. He played a leadership role at the heart of the council where he served as vice chair for one year and as chair for two years. During his mandates, he easily won the respect of other parents as he guided them in their advisory role regarding policy, curriculum and school issues.

Drainville was an active participant in youth development initiatives, including the former St. Patrick Parish youth group and choir. He was a member of the adult support group for youth activities at the Parish, and was a tireless organizer for choir activities. He has also been involved at the community level with several events that have brought him in contact with parents and students from the area, including fund-raising efforts for Camp Quality and the Haileybury Centennial Committee.

Board Chair Colleen Landers looks forward to Drainville's contributions at the Board level. "As a past member of a Catholic school council, he will bring valuable insight into the needs and goals of our system," stated Landers. "He is well respected throughout the region that he represents, as a citizen, as a dedicated family man, and as a devout Catholic who seeks to help others strengthen their faith. He will certainly be an asset to our Board, and we are proud to welcome him."

Drainville is succeeding Charlie Angus, who resigned from the position in July in order to pursue a career as a Member of Parliament.

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Trustee Martin Drainville (left) takes his oath of allegiance under the supervision of Director of Education Paul Toffanello (right).



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