



## BOARD ORGANIZES ORIENTATION DAY FOR NEW TEACHERS

With the first day jitters behind them, a group of new teachers at the Northeastern Catholic District School Board gathered in Timmins today for their own learning experience. They took part in the NCDSB's "New Teacher Orientation", an annual event organized by the Board to provide guidance to those who are just starting their teaching career or are new to our Catholic school system.

They were asked to reflect on the success of the children that they serve as they joined together in prayer. Director of Education, Paul Toffanello, extended greetings to them on behalf of the Board. "You are joining the teaching profession at a rewarding time, when investments in student learning are at a peak," noted Toffanello. "You will have the opportunity to develop habits and expertise that earlier generations did not. In the past, when the bell rang in the morning, teachers slipped into their respective classrooms and shut the door. It was incumbent on the teacher to make learning happen behind that door. Now, the expectations are that each and every child will succeed. It is your mandate to make sure that this happens through collaboration and professional learning. You will find with our Catholic school system that your personal growth will be taken seriously. We believe that if we help you grow as educators, we will in turn enhance achievement for all of our students. We expect you to not only shape their minds, but more importantly, nurture their spiritual dimension. In order to do so, you must love these kids, and nothing less."

They were then introduced to the Board's curriculum team, who will provide them with support, be it in terms of classroom management, pedagogical guidance or information technology tips. They were encouraged to look for mentorship from more seasoned educators within the Board, but also from each other as new teachers living similar experiences.

Sessions were held throughout the day on the Human Resources Perspective, the Role of Teachers in Supporting Children with Special Needs, Professional Learning Communities and Information Technology. They also took part in writing activities and group sharing. The day ended with break out sessions for each division with opportunities for new teachers to discuss areas where they would like to broaden their knowledge.

The goal of the day is for participants to return to their classrooms tomorrow more confident in their abilities as new educators. They will also know how to access the many resources in place to help them fulfill their mandate.

Approximately twenty educators participated in the New Teacher Orientation Day. The event was held in the gallery at the Shania Twain Centre in Timmins.



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