



PRESS RELEASE

Changes to the Senior Administration Staff

Timmins, October 2008: The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is announcing some recent changes at the Senior Administration level of the board.

Change in Superintendent of Education

The Board recently approved a two-year leave of absence request from Karen Rowe, Superintendent of Education. Ms. Rowe has been named to the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat as a Field Team Leader



and one of eight Senior Specialists in the province of Ontario. This high level recognition is well-deserved for Karen Rowe as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this new position including her work in the portfolios of Curriculum, Special Education, School Effectiveness Framework and School Operations to name just a few. Ms. Rowe holds a Master of Education at Nipissing University, a Bachelor of Arts from University of Western Ontario as well as has completed the Teacher Education Program from McGill University. She completed a number of additional qualifications including Supervisory Officer, Principals' Certification (Part 1 & 2), and Specialist designations including Religious Education and Special Education which will drive her continuous dedication and professionalism in her new provincial role. Rick Brassard, Chair of the Board, provided the following statement: "I am pleased to extend congratulations and best wishes to Karen Rowe upon her two-year appointment as Senior Specialist for the Northwest Region with the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat of the Ontario Ministry of Education. Ms. Rowe will be working directly with Directors, Superintendents, and Principals in the areas of student achievement, board and school improvement planning and in the development of future leaders within the school system. I want to thank her, on behalf of the Trustees of NCDSB, for her strong leadership. She has truly made a difference in enhancing Catholic education in our area and across the province." Director of Education, Paul Toffanello commented that:

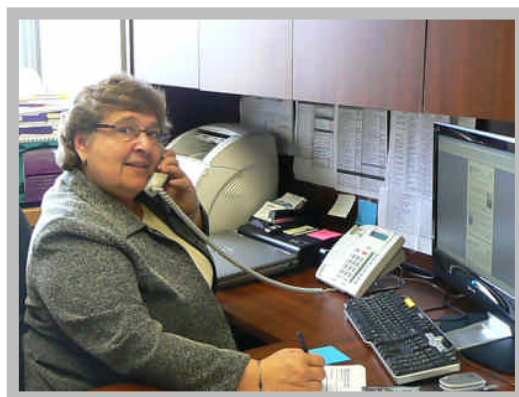
"Karen will truly be missed. She is highly respected and admired by her colleagues, and she is recognized as a true Catholic leader whose vision and focus on student achievement and leadership never wavered. We wish Karen all the best of luck in her new role. The Northwest will certainly benefit from her leadership." Ms. Rowe commences her new duties October 14, 2008.

During Karen Rowe's leave of absence, Tricia Stefanic-Weltz, currently the Supervisor for Student Success and Student Services, will take on the role of Acting Superintendent of Education for the Northeastern Catholic DSB. Ms. Weltz's education background includes a Masters Degree from Nipissing University, Bachelor of Arts degree, and the successful completion of the Teacher Education Program. She holds a Supervisory Officer certification as well as her Specialist designations in Special Education, Reading, French as a Second Language and Religious Education. Tricia Weltz began her career with the Northeastern Catholic District School Board working as a Teacher, Principal of St. Joseph School and Sacred Heart School and this school year marks her fourth year working at the system-wide level. Ms. Weltz's brings the necessary knowledge, professionalism and dedication that will ensure a smooth transition in this role. "I feel privileged and I am looking forward to working with our Catholic school communities and stakeholders as we continue to promote and enhance Catholic education across our district." *Tricia Weltz*



Acting Human Resource Manager Selected

Wendy Adams was appointed the role of Acting Human Resource Manager in Melanie Bidal-Mainville's absence. Ms. Adams has thirty-six years of experience in secondary school education. As the former Principal from Timmins High and Vocational School, her experience includes many aspects of school operations including policy implementation, staffing, master schedule building, curriculum development, performance appraisals, supervision, discipline and occupational health and safety. Ms. Adams represented secondary principals and vice-principals on the provincial Ontario Principals' Council Federation in various executive positions. Wendy Adams' proven skills in leadership, communication, organization, time management and problem-solving coupled with her positive attitude will prove to be valuable as she begins this role. Her extensive volunteer experience includes the Timmins Safety Committee, Porcupine Toastmasters, TH&VS Alumni Association Board of Directors and Reunion 2012 Committee, Shania Twain Centre Board of Directors and the Rotary Club of



Timmins-Porcupine. *"I had retired three years ago after a long career in education and had become very involved in a variety of volunteer community organizations."* states Adams, *"From my point of view, working in Human Resources at NCDSB would provide once again, on a short-term basis, the opportunity for working with people in a familiar environment on issues that matter to me."*

New Information Technology Manager Position for Northeastern Catholic DSB

The Northeastern Catholic District Board also wishes to welcome Glen Nakashoji to the new position of Information Technology Manager starting October 14th. *"I am looking forward to this new role and the opportunity to work with the employees and students at NCDSB, the Ministry of Education and other School Boards supporting student achievement through information technology and information services."* stated Nakashoji. His career included twenty years of experience with Northern Tel where he had been working as Statistical Process Control Manager, Analysis & Reporting Manager, Control Centre Manager and most recently as IT Service Manager. In his most recent role with Northern Tel, Mr. Nakashoji had been working closely with NCDSB on the ISIT Project Management initiatives including incident and change management. He was born and raised in Kapuskasing and moved to Timmins along with his family in July 1999. *"As Chair of the Board," added Rick Brassard, "I am pleased to announce that Glen Nakashoji has joined our senior management team in the newly created position of Manager of Information Technology. Glen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience gained in the private sector to his role which is vital to the daily operations of our school board and to improving student achievement."*

