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NEWS RELEASE

Sacred Heart Catholic School Welcomes New Principal

Kirkland Lake, Tuesday, September 13, 2011:

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce and welcome Cheryl Ricco to the role of Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Kirkland Lake.

Tricia Weltz, Superintendent of Education commented, "The addition of Cheryl Ricco as principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School is a great asset to our Board. The students and staff of the school are fortunate to have such a dynamic and dedicated leader. Mrs. Ricco brings a wealth of educational experience with her and we are confident that she will have a positive impact on enhancing student achievement and culture within the school community."

Cheryl Ricco returned to the Northeast (Haileybury) over 10 years ago after completing her Master of Arts at the University of Ottawa, and her Bachelor of Ed. at Nipissing University. She began her teaching career 9 years ago at St. Jerome School in Kirkland Lake and has taught grades 4 through 8 at Holy Family School in Englehart and St-Patrick Catholic School in Cobalt, respectively.

"The role of the Principal has changed from the autocratic rule of yesteryear. Today, Principals are agents of change; they are team members; they are instructional leaders; they help a school community move forward to improve the academic, social, and religious aspects of children's lives. Principals help others to make a difference in the lives of today's youth. Why would I *not* want to be a Principal?" stated Cheryl Ricco.

Richard Brassard, Board of Trustee Chair, offered his welcome to Cheryl Ricco, "We are very pleased Mrs. Ricco has joined our team of Principals. We know that her background, leadership and guidance will benefit the staff and students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Kirkland Lake."

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