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## **NEWS RELEASE**

NCDSB Welcomes New Aboriginal Liaison Timmins, October 31, 2012:

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board would like to welcome Mrs. Lisa Innes to the newly created position of Aboriginal Liaison. The Board created this position to enhance our relationships with the Aboriginal community through the development of new strategic partnerships with Aboriginal organizations, interest groups and Band Councils. This position will also enhance the internal programs and services we offer our Aboriginal students.

Ron St. Louis, Superintendent of Student Success commented "Our Board is pleased to welcome Lisa to the role of Aboriginal Liaison. Lisa brings her knowledge of the Aboriginal culture and many new ideas on Aboriginal development areas that are most welcome within our Board."

Mrs. Innes' experiences as Vice Principal at Ministik Public School and teaching positions in the classroom and in Special Education in Moose Factory, Moosonee and with the Mnjikaning First Nation in Rama, Ontario, highly qualifies her in understanding the educational needs of today's Aboriginal youth.

"I am very pleased to join the NCDSB team in this role. I look forward to promoting the culture in the schools, working closely with students, parents, teachers and principals in facilitating student success, and partnering with the various agencies in the Timmins and district area to bring supports to the students who require them. I personally understand the challenges our Aboriginal children and young adults are facing and I look forward to working with all stakeholders involved in fulfilling their educational goals."

Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education also commented "We welcome Mrs. Innes to our Board Team and look forward to the strengthening of our current partnerships as well as the creation of many new partnerships with our Aboriginal Neighbours through her work with us."

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