



# NEWS RELEASE

## Online Summer Reach Ahead Program Taking Place for Grade 8 Students Timmins, June 3, 2013:

NCDSB is pleased to announce the continuation of our Online Summer Reach Ahead program for grade 8 students. This program will allow Grade 8 students within our board the opportunity to complete one high school course during the summer before they enter high school.

Taking a Reach Ahead credit can:

- ease the transition to high school;
- help students become more comfortable in a secondary school;
- help students to maintain their learning skills;
- free students up to take electives in future grades;
- introduce students to options they may pursue in future courses.

All Reach Ahead credits will be offered via e-Learning. Through e-Learning, students will be able to access course material at any time and from any place, as long as they have internet access. NCDSB students are encouraged to take one of the following courses as a Reach Ahead credit:

***(please note CHV20 and GLC20 must be taken together)***

**1. BTT10 (1 Credit) – Intro to Information Technology in Business (open level)**

*This course introduces students to information and communication technology in a business environment and builds a foundation of digital literacy skills necessary for success in a technologically driven society.*

**2. CHV20/GLC20 (1 Credit) – Civics and Career Studies (open level)**

*In Civics, students will learn about the elements of democracy in local, national, and global contexts, about political reactions to social change, and about political decision-making processes in Canada. The Career Studies course provides students with the necessary tools, strategies, and skills to design a plan, which will assist students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.*

Any grade 8 students that are interested in registering should visit their school principal to register or for more information. The registration deadline for grade 8 students is June 18, 2013. Courses begin on July 2 and end on July 31.

Students taking an online summer course should be willing to spend 3-4 hours per day engaged in their course. They should also be self directed learners and are expected to keep with their courses. There is a mandatory orientation sessions at the ACCESS Centre, located at 383 Birch Street North, on July 2.

**For more information, please contact:**

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