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NEWS RELEASE

NCDSB Offers Summers Courses for Students Through e-Learning

Timmins, June 6, 2012:

This year, the **Northeastern Catholic District School Board** will be offering an online summer school program in partnership with the Northern E-Learning Consortium. This partnership will give students the opportunity to take one of 18 online courses this summer. Through e-Learning students will be able to access course material at any time from any place, as long as they have internet access. This will enhance their knowledge and comfort with online technology.

Andrew Swartz, e-Learning contact and Teacher, commented "We encourage our students to reach ahead and take new course or catch up on missed credits online this summer. All of these courses are available online to allow our students the opportunity to learn new things or improve in areas that need some further study."

As a part of the new e-Learning summer courses, there is also an opportunity for Grade 8 students to reach ahead. These "reach ahead" courses are targeted for Grade 8 students and will allow students to complete courses 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;
- introduce students to options they may pursue in future courses.

All summer courses start July 3 and end on August 1. Registration are due by June 25, 2012. If you are interested in registering for the e-Learning summer school courses or the Reach Ahead Program, please complete the registration form located on our web site at <u>www.ncdsb.on.ca</u> and return it to your principal by June 18, 2012.

If you have any questions or require more information regarding this program, please contact:

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