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NEWS RELEASE

NCDSB is Creating Partnerships that Make a Difference for Students

Timmins, April 12, 2011:

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce its partnership with Dr. Joyce Epstein from Johns Hopkins University, the director of the Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships and the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS).

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is interested in enhancing partnerships between schools, parents and community members. NCDSB is looking for caring, empathetic, motivated partners to whom the success and education of children is paramount. We invite you to join us on this great journey.

James Michaud, Superintendent of Student Success, commented "We are fortunate to have Dr. Epstein join us in Timmins April 18th & 19th. She will share her expertise in the area of building effective family and community involvement in schools with participants. The two-day workshop will consist of an awareness session as well as training for school teams."

Students will ultimately benefit from partnerships and from collaborating with the Community. New resources and services will be made available to students and their families and our school communities can in turn provide services to community organizations.

Benefits of Partnerships

- **Enhance school programs**
- **Improve school climate**
- **Enhance parental involvement**
- **Connect families**

The two day work shop in April will be a milestone event for NCDSB as we move towards a fully integrated partnership process; including student, parents and community partners. Invitations to prospective community partners and organizations have been sent out, but if you are interested in attending please contact Andrew Marks, NCDSB Community Relations Officer at 705-268-7443.

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Dr. Joyce Epstein, in conjunction with the National Network of Partnership Schools, will assist the Northeastern Catholic District School Board to implement six types of involvement, which are the keys to successful partnerships:

Type 1 - *Parenting* – Assist families with parenting skills and setting home conditions to support children as students. Also, assist schools to understand families.

Type 2 - *Communicating* – Conduct effective communications from school –to-school and from, home-to-school about school programs and student progress.

Type 3 - *Volunteering* – Organize volunteers and audiences to support the school and students. Provide volunteer opportunities in various locations and at various times.

Type 4 - *Learning at Home* – Involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions.

Type 5 - *Decision Making* – Include families as participants in school decisions, and develop leaders and representatives.

Type 6 – *Collaborate with the Community* – Coordinate resources and services from the community for families, students, and the school, and provide services to the community.

These six keys can be used to develop a comprehensive program to increase student success.

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