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## NEWS RELEASE

## O'Gorman High School Representatives Visit Community of Peawanuck

## Timmins, November 9, 2011:

Representatives from the Northeastern Catholic District School Board and O'Gorman High School were welcomed with open arms to the small, remote community of Peawanuck.

Director of Education, Abraham Hunter invited NCDSB representatives to visit his local community school (JK to grade 8) and to present to his Grade 6, 7 & 8 students about alternatives for high school.

Chandra Ciccone, Department Head for Literacy at O'Gorman High School, presented to the students, staff and parents about life at O'Gorman High School, including the number of credits required to graduate high school, the various clubs, sports and extra-curricular activities, as well as the different services available to support student success. Ms Ciccone also explained the unique LINK Crew program offered at OHS to help new students in their transition to high school.

The trip to Peawanuck proved to be educational for everyone. Representatives from the Band Council attended this community event and provided a tour of the community, as well as the community's history with current demographics. Peawanuck's rich culture was demonstrated in the name of the local school (pictured below); Ma-tah-ha-mao School's name refers to the beginning of a journey.

