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## News Release

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# Catholic Board Names Interim Director of Education

## Veteran Catholic Educator Michael Schmitt to take reins for 2014-15 school year

**Waterloo Region, ON** – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board today announced the appointment of **Michael Schmitt** as **Interim Director of Education**. He assumes the position effective September 1, 2014 on a contract running to August 31, 2015.

Acting Director of Education Gerry Clifford returns to his current role as Superintendent of Human Resources.

During the 2014-15 school year the board of trustees will be conducting a comprehensive search for a permanent Director of Education to take office in time for the 2015-16 school year.

### QuickFacts

- ✓ Michael Schmitt attended Waterloo Region's Catholic schools and went on to serve as a WCDSB secondary school teacher, vice principal and principal (**Resurrection CSS**, **Monsignor Doyle CSS**, and **St. David CSS**).
- ✓ He served as WCDSB's **Superintendent of Program and Student Services** from 2000 to 2005, before joining the staff of the Ministry of Education as **Student Achievement Officer**.
- ✓ Michael served as **Director of Education of the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** (Kingston) from 2005 until his retirement in 2011 and currently serves Catholic education as a legal issues advisor for the **Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario**.
- ✓ He is a former president of the **Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association** and former chair of the **English Catholic Council of Ontario Directors of Education**.

### Quotes

"Michael was a superintendent with our Board when I was first elected in 2003 and I'm excited to have him work with us again in this very important role. I and my fellow Trustees welcome Michael back to Waterloo Catholic and look forward to his input, wisdom and leadership over the next school year as he leads our school system."

-- **Manuel da Silva, Chair of the Board**

"I look forward to my return to Waterloo Catholic to re-establish relationships and build upon the successful practices that have nurtured students in their faith and engaged them in high levels of learning. As interim director, my hope is to strengthen the community culture – with staff, parents and the parishes to ensure our schools are the heart of the community and our students become beacons of hope for all to witness".

-- **Michael Schmitt, Interim Director of Education**

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