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Catholic Board Welcomes New Director of Education

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Lawrence (Larry) Clifford as the board's ninth Director of Education. The appointment is effective July 23, 2012.

Larry joins WCDSB from his current position as Superintendent of Education with the Wellington Catholic District School Board. He had previously served as a supervisory officer with the Halton Catholic District School Board.

With ten years' experience as an elementary and secondary school classroom teacher, experience as a special education resource teacher, more than eight years' experience as a school administrator and nine years' experience as a supervisory officer, Larry's 28-year career as a Catholic educator and depth of expertise have made him uniquely qualified for his new role.

During his tenure as a supervisory officer, Larry's responsibilities have included supervision of elementary and secondary schools, special education, Catholic school councils, student success, school effectiveness, safe schools, and international education.

Married for 25 years to Patti (herself a Catholic school teacher) Larry, a graduate of St. Jerome's High School, is the father of three children: Kyle – 25, Katelyn – 22 and Kevan – 20. He enjoys cottaging, swimming, a variety of sports and spending time with his family.

"We are very pleased to have someone with Larry's varied background and tremendous skills joining our team", said Board Chair Manuel da Silva. "We have a reputation not just locally but provincially, nationally and internationally as a school system dedicated to ensuring success for each and a place for all and the Board of Trustees has great confidence in Larry's ability to lead our staff team in making us even stronger".

da Silva also thanked Acting Director Rick Boisvert for his service following the retirement of long-time Director Roger Lawler.

"I can't say enough about Rick's outstanding work following Roger's retirement", he said. "This has been a challenging year for our system and Rick's leadership and dedication to our students and staff over the last four months has left us on a solid footing with a very bright future ahead".

Rick will be resuming his previous position as Associate Director of Education.

The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools welcome Director Clifford to our "*Heart of the Community*" team!

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 52 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 176-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: **@WCDSBNewsire - #WCDSBAwesome.**

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