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Catholic Board Welcomes New Superintendent

Richard Olson joins executive team effective March 20, 2017

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce to appointment of **Richard Olson** as Superintendent of Learning. He replaces **Dr. Derek Haime** who has accepted a new position with the Ministry of Education in the Ottawa Region.

QuickFacts

- ✓ Currently an Assistant Superintendent with the Wellington Catholic District School Board, Richard holds a Masters in Theological Studies and has worked primarily in secondary schools, where his background was in Religious Education and English (serving as a Department Head of Religion and a teaching Chaplain).
- ✓ Richard's current portfolio at Wellington Catholic includes Student Support Services, First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education, the board's Leadership Strategy and New Teacher Induction Program, Equity and Inclusive Education, and Alternative Education.
- ✓ A published author in *The Catholic Register* and *Novalis*, Richard has been a presenter at numerous courses and conferences, is a former Course Instructor and Course Director for the Religious Education AQ course and is currently a Board member at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre.

Quotes

"The Waterloo Catholic family is enormously grateful to Derek Haime for the leadership he provided during his years with our board. He was a leader with strength of conviction and a strong work ethic that served the board well. We join in wishing him well as he transitions on the next step in his professional journey. At the same time, we are thrilled to congratulate and welcome Richard Olson to our team. We know he will bring a genuine care, strong vision and grounded leadership to our system. His breadth of experience, in combination with his personal attributes, will be a gift to our board and to Waterloo Region".

-- **Loretta Notten, Director of Education**

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