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## News Release

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# Catholic Board Welcomes New Superintendent

## Veteran Principal John Klein joins executive team effective September 1, 2015

**Waterloo Region, ON** – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of **John Klein** as Academic Superintendent (Acting). He replaces **Maria Ivankovic** who has accepted a three-year secondment as Student Achievement Officer with the Leadership & Implementation Branch of the Ministry of Education's London East Field Team.

### QuickFacts

- ✓ Originally from North Bay, Ontario John Klein holds a B.A. from the **University of Western Ontario**, a B. Ed. from **McGill University** and an M. Ed. in International Educational Leadership from **Charles Sturt University** (Australia) – and has been a respected teacher and administrator in Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools since 1990.
- ✓ John's previous roles include serving as Principal of **St. Vincent de Paul CES** and **St. Matthew CES**. He is currently Principal of WCDSB's "**Section 23**" schools serving many of the board's most vulnerable students.
- ✓ John is a lay Minister at **St. Louis Parish** in Waterloo and serves on the Board of Directors of the **Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation**.

### Quotes

"I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with John for many years. Only in recent years have we begun as a school system to speak openly about being 'heart of the community' – an organization that strives to provide 'success for each' and to create a 'place for all'. Long before we adopted that language John was out there quietly and effectively doing just that; especially among our most vulnerable students. He will be a tremendous addition to our executive team."

~~ **Michael Schmitt, Director of Education**

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