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WCDSB Associate Director to Head Northwest CDSB

Waterloo Region, ON – The *Waterloo Catholic District School Board's* Associate Director of Education, **Rick Boisvert**, has been named Director of Education of the *Northwest Catholic District School Board*.

The Northwest CDSB covers a vast area of northwestern Ontario and includes schools in Fort Francis, Stratton, Dryden, Atikokan and Sioux Lookout.

Rick attended St. Agnes CES and St. David Junior High School in Waterloo before attending St. Jerome's High School in Kitchener. After receiving an undergraduate degree from WLU he achieved a Bachelor of Education from Brock University and later a Masters of Education from Niagara University.

He began his teaching career with WCDSB in 1984, eventually teaching primary, junior and intermediate classes and special education. He served as principal of four elementary schools and was responsible for opening St. Nicholas CES in Waterloo in 2001. Rick has served as a superintendent since 2007 with responsibilities ranging from the operation of families of schools to parent engagement, special education, human resources and early learning.

"I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve the students and staff of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board for so many years", he said. "The Board's vision statement "heart of the community, success for each, a place for all," aligns with my personal beliefs about the transformative work that defines Catholic education. I will certainly miss the many friends I have made and the talented staff from whom I have had the good fortune to learn and I look forward to continuing to serve in Catholic Education".

"The news of Rick's appointment as the Director of Education for the Northwest Catholic District School Board is great news for both the NWCDSD and Catholic Education in Ontario -- and a source of pride among his colleagues here at the Waterloo Catholic District School Board", said WCDSB Director of Education Larry Clifford. "Rick is an experienced and highly skilled leader who will have a significant and positive impact on his new Board based on almost 29 successful years as a teacher, SERT, VP, Principal, Superintendent, Acting Director and Associate Director. I wish him all the best both personally and professionally. He will be missed as a leader and as a friend to many in our school system. I wish him the best of luck and all God's blessings".

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 177-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: **@WCDSBNewsire - #WCDSBAwesome**.

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