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DIRECTOR'S DEPARTURE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESTRUCTURING AND DOWNSIZING AT ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC

Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board for St. Clair Catholic, has announced significant changes for the school board for 2013-2014, including the departure of Director of Education Paul Wubben.

“Paul has been an outstanding leader for the past eight years,” says Mrs. Bryden. “His vision for the Board has focused on strengthening academic achievement and the faith development of our students. He has also made valuable contributions to the communities of Lambton and Kent and his leadership will be missed.”

The Board will use Mr. Wubben’s departure as an opportunity to downsize senior administration, by hiring his replacement from within the organization and eliminating one superintendent of education position. In addition, two system principal positions have been eliminated and there will be a decrease in the director’s salary. That combined with other administrative reductions will result in savings in excess of \$600,000.

“These are go-forward annual savings that will continue over the long-term,” says Mrs. Bryden. “The decision to make these cuts at the top was a difficult one for trustees; however, we are confident that we have made changes that are in the best interests of our students.”

A change in directorship now will also provide the Board with stability and continuity on the senior administration team, as future retirements at the senior level are forecast in the next few years.

“The cuts I am announcing today do not mean that other areas of the organization will be immune from future cost reductions,” says Mrs. Bryden. “However, by starting at the top we are sending a message that we all share the responsibility of right-sizing our Board as we go forward together.”

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire staff of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, I wish to thank Mr. Wubben for his dedicated service to our students, our families and our staff,” says Mrs. Bryden. “We wish him well in the future.”