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PAUL WUBBEN TO STEP DOWN AUGUST 31ST AFTER NEARLY SEVEN YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Paul Wubben has announced that he will step down on August 31, 2012 after nearly seven years as Director of Education for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

“This past summer, in the interests of the organization and my own interests, the Board and I agreed that August 31, 2012 is a good date for me to step down and allow for new leadership at St. Clair Catholic,” says Mr. Wubben.

Mr. Wubben was appointed to serve as Director of Education beginning in February 2006, following the retirement of Margaret Nelson. He began his career as a teacher with the Carleton Catholic District School Board in 1982. He was a vice principal, principal and superintendent of education. He was also actively involved in the Catholic Principals’ Council of Ontario and served on committees appointed to write and review curricula.

“My career has been enormously satisfying,” says Mr. Wubben. “I have particularly enjoyed serving St. Clair Catholic as Director of Education and now I’m interested in pursuing other opportunities.”

Mr. Wubben lists declining enrolment as one of the great challenges that has faced the Board during his tenure. However, he also says with that challenge came some great opportunities.

“I think we have learned that school closures and consolidations can sometimes be blessings in disguise. We have two brand new, state-of-the-art elementary schools in south Sarnia because our parent community partnered with our Board and dared to dream of something better. That was a tremendous experience,” he says.

“I have appreciated the support of our Trustees and I believe that through our boldness, we have shared many successes together. I felt at all times, that the Trustees believed I would act in the best interests of our students and their families ... and to protect the gift of Catholic education.”

The Board of Trustees will now begin the search for a new Director of Education, to replace Mr. Wubben.