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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TEACHERS COMPLETE VOLUNTARY ON-LINE COURSE TO HELP PREPARE STUDENTS FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING

More than a hundred elementary and secondary teachers with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board are currently participating in a voluntary professional development course about teaching and learning in the digital age.

"This is an exciting on-line course that has been designed and written by teachers for teachers," says Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education.

"The activities included in the modules are based on current research in 21st Century learning and teaching and are tied directly to the Board's strategic plan, which is to provide our students with learning experiences that are reflective of the digital age in which we live," says Mrs. Crawford.

The course consists of eight modules – five mandatory and three based on personal interest. The professional development sessions are voluntary and are completed on the teachers' own time.

"This course requires a personal time commitment from our staff," says Mrs. Crawford. "The interest that we have seen is a demonstration of the professional dedication to learning and teaching on the part of St. Clair Catholic teachers."

The Board has offered to those teachers who have completed the first three mandatory modules, a *Samsung Chromebook*, for use in the classroom and at home, for as long as they are employees of the Board.

So far, 36 staff members have received their Chromebooks; and a total of 245 on-line modules have been completed.

A member of the 21st Century Learning Team of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will present Samsung Chromebooks to two staff members of Holy Trinity Catholic School, 60 Lorne Crescent, Sarnia at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015. Members of the media are welcome.