



### **WECDSB acclaims Chairperson, Vice-chairperson**

(Windsor, Ontario, Dec. 1, 2015) – Barbara Holland and Mary DiMenna were acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board when it held its annual organizational meeting this evening.

“We’re heading into 2016 facing a number of challenges, but with the collective experience and wisdom of this board, I’m confident we can work closely with administration on resolving those issues while keeping student achievement as our top priority,” said Chair Holland, a 15-year trustee who was first elected chair in 2012.

“In the next year, we’ll implement our multi-year strategic plan while confronting capacity issues so that we can focus resources on innovative new programming,” said Holland, a Ward 6 & 7 trustee who has served on many board committees while working closely with the Diocese of London. “I’m pleased with what we’ve accomplished so far and look forward to working with my fellow trustees on providing the best educational opportunities for all of our students throughout our board.”

Mary DiMenna has been a trustee representing Catholic ratepayers, parents and students in Essex, Kingsville and Leamington since 2003. In addition to spending 33 years as an elementary teacher, DiMenna has been active on several board committees over the past 12 years: including the Audit Committee, Employee Wellness Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee.

“I’m extremely proud of everything this board has accomplished so far, and I’m looking forward to working with my fellow trustees, administration, parents and our community partners to make sure we are providing the best possible opportunities for our students,” she said.

Trustees Fred Alexander, Fabio Costante, Mary DiMenna, Frank DiTomasso, Barbara Holland, Bernie Mastromattei, Lisa Soulliere, Susan Tope and Fulvio Valentinis were elected last year through the municipal elections process to serve a four-year term (2014-2018). A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected annually at the Board’s Organizational Meeting in December to a one-year term that begins immediately.

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