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Trustees select Chair, Vice-Chair

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017) – Barbara Holland will continue on as the Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, and will work with a new Vice-Chair as Trustee Lisa Soulliere was elected to the position at a meeting tonight.

A 17-year trustee who was first elected Chair of the Board in 2012, Holland was acclaimed to the position at tonight's annual organizational meeting and thanked her fellow trustees for their support.

"We've made a tremendous amount of progress over the last year, but we are always looking for ways to continually improve," said Holland, who enters her sixth term as chair. "I'm looking forward to working closely with our new Director of Education Terry Lyons, the rest of our senior administrative team and our trustees on finding new ways to help all of our students succeed."

Soulliere was first elected in 2000 to represent the Lakeshore area and sits on several of the Board's committees including the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), the Audit Committee and the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

A major priority for Soulliere is ensuring that the board's resources continue to be managed prudently so that student achievement remains the number one concern.

"Our student assessment results are among the best in the province and that's because we have wonderful teachers and because we've been very efficient with our resources," she said. "We need to keep that momentum going, and make sure that we are responsibly managing our assets."

Mary DiMenna, who nominated Soulliere, will continue to serve her constituents as a trustee but decided not to run again for the position of vice-chair.

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