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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENTS

Director of Education Dan Parr has announced a number of changes to the principal and vice principal assignments, which will take effect in the New Year. The changes are the result of retirement announcements from three principals.

Gloria Grieve, Principal of Holy Family Catholic School, Wallaceburg and Anita Cairns, Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia will retire effective December 31, 2015; and Elena Pagotto, Principal of Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, will retire on January 31, 2016.

The change in principal assignments is also an opportunity to address new, more challenging funding realities for school boards.

“For some time, provincial funding has not kept pace with our costs for school administration,” says Dan Parr, Director of Education. “These changes in school leadership will allow us to address that by implementing principalships with small teaching assignments in two of our smallest schools.”

The Board believes this approach is preferable to cost saving options being adopted by other school boards, such as principals being shared among schools.

The following changes were announced at tonight’s Board meeting.

Effective January 1, 2016:

- Bill Nelson from Principal, Holy Rosary Catholic School, Wyoming to Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia;
- Barbara Armstrong from Vice Principal, St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia to Principal, Holy Rosary Catholic School, Wyoming, with a 30% teaching assignment;
- Mark Bernard from Teacher, St. Elizabeth Catholic School, Wallaceburg to 30% Vice Principal, St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia;
- Phil Bedard from Principal Good Shepherd Catholic School, Thamesville to Principal, Holy Family Catholic School, Wallaceburg;

- Sherrie Daudlin from Vice Principal, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Chatham to Principal, Good Shepherd Catholic School, Thamesville, with a 30% teaching assignment;
- Jennifer Morrow from System Consultant to 30% Vice Principal, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Chatham.

Effective February 1, 2016:

- Liz Bujaki from Vice Principal, Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, Sarnia to Principal, Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, Sarnia;
- Margaret DeGurse, from System Librarian to 30% Vice Principal, Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, Sarnia.

“I also want to pay tribute to Gloria, Anita and Elena,” says Mr. Parr. “Retirement announcements for such senior leaders in the St. Clair family are always bittersweet. Of course, we rejoice with them as they embark on a new and exciting chapter in their lives; however, we also recognize the tremendous loss it will be to the system. They leave with our prayers for long, happy and healthy retirements.”