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TRUSTEES APPOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have appointed two members of the public to serve on the Board's Audit Committee for the 2011–2014 term.

Under recent changes to the Education Act, school boards are required to establish Audit Committees by January 31, 2011. The primary role of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight.

Specifically, the duties of the Audit Committee fall under the following key areas: the financial reporting process, internal control framework, risk management practices, performance and function of the Board's internal and external auditors and the Board's compliance with its obligations under legislation.

The new rules state that school boards with fewer than eight trustees must appoint two Trustees and two members of the general public to serve on the Audit Committee. The members of the general public are:

- Rosemary Lavoratore; and
- Craig Bulsza

The trustees who will serve on the Audit Committee are:

- Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board;
- Linda Ward; and
- John Van Heck (alternate)

"I am pleased that Rosemary and Craig have agreed to serve on our Board's Audit Committee," says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. "We are fortunate to have persons with their qualifications to fill these important positions."

Ads inviting applications from candidates with relevant experience were placed in newspapers within the jurisdiction of the Board in November 2010. Responses were received from three qualified candidates, who were interviewed by the Director and the Associate Director. The interview results and a recommendation for appointment were discussed with the Chair of the Board.

The Ministry of Education will provide training for Audit Committee members in February in London.

Members of the Audit Committee receive no remuneration for their services; however, the Board will reimburse expenses.