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## Inaugural Meeting of the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (CSPNE)*

**Northeastern Ontario, December 6, 2010** –The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSPNE) held its inaugural meeting in the City of Temiskaming Shores, on Friday December 3, 2010.

During the inaugural meeting, Board members took their oath of allegiance before the City of Temiskaming Shores' clerk, Mrs. Suzanne Weiss. They also elected the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the Board. Mr. Robert Poirier was reelected Chair, while Mrs. Clara McKinnon was elected first Vice-Chair, and Mr. Jules Duchesne second Vice-Chair.

The Board also took this opportunity to welcome two new Trustees: Mr. Michel Duchesne, representing the Gravenhurst region, and Mr. Denis Labelle, representing the Nipissing West region. The CSPNE also thanked three Trustees who are leaving the Board: Mrs. Michelle Piette, Mr. Michel Faucon and Mr. Jean-Pierre Pétrin.

It is important to note that elected members of the Board are representing the population. They have a four-year mandate during which their main task is to develop policies based on provincial standards, taking into account the educational vision adopted at the local level. Trustees face many important challenges and issues, and they have the key responsibility of approving an annual budget that ensures a fair distribution of available resources for the offering of programs and services in all schools under the Board's jurisdiction.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2011, by videoconference. For more information on the regular meetings of the Board, please call 472.3443 or 1.888.591.5656 ext. 238.

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