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Superior-Greenstone DSB: Three Student Trustees on the Board for 2007-2008

MARATHON, Ontario – On August 1, 2007, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board (DSB) will have three new student trustees join the Board to represent student constituents for the 2007-2008 school year. The students are Stacey Whent of Nipigon Red Rock District High School, Lenay Hunking who hails from Geraldton Composite High School and Vanessa Wirtz, a student of Marathon High School.

All students are full-time pupils attending in the senior division at their respective schools. Their term of office runs from August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008. Although their formal appointment starts in August, the students will take their oath of office and declaration at the Regular Board meeting to be held at Nipigon Red Rock DHS on June 18.

The new school year marks the first time that the Superior-Greenstone DSB will have three student trustees at the Board table to represent student constituents. Since the 2000-2001 school year, Superior-Greenstone DSB has had one seat occupied by a student.

However, on January 15, 2007 Regulation 07/07-Student Trustees stipulated a number of new laws in relation to student trustees.

The government commitment made in *Bill 78 Student Performance* is intended to support several strategies currently being implemented in Ontario schools. These include more respect for the role of trustee, greater student engagement as part of the Student Success agenda, the promotion of character development for students, as well as the attitudes and skills connected with the role of citizens in a democracy.

As part of the new regulation, student trustee engagements in board business will be enhanced. Each student now has a right to have their vote recorded in the Board minutes should they request it. Under Subsection 55(5) of the Act student trustees may now attend in-camera closed meetings with the exception of those that require the disclosure of intimate personal or financial information.

“We are pleased to have this fine group of students join the Board,” said Board Chair Bette Bartlett. “My congratulations to Ms. Whent, Ms. Hunking and Ms. Wirtz and on behalf of the Board and Administration, we look forward to working with them in the new school year,” said Bartlett.