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Superior-Greenstone DSB Administrative Appointments, effective August 20, 2007

MARATHON, Ontario –. The Superior-Greenstone District School Board is pleased to announce the following administrative appointments effective on August 20, 2007.

Valerie Newton has been appointed as Student Success Coordinator/ Assistant to the Superintendent of Education. Ms. Newton will provide leadership for the *Student Pathways for Success* initiative. The position focuses on programs for students-at-risk, literacy, numeracy, remediation programs and pathways for students' school to work success.

Ms. Newton brings with her a wide range of experience, after being Principal of Manitouwadge High School since 2000. She holds the following degrees: Master of Education, Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts. As well, she has qualifications in Special Education, Guidance, Visual Arts, and English as a Second Language and holds Principal's qualifications. Her experiences include: Program Leader for Guidance and Career Education, Special Education, Alternative Education, Cooperative Education, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, Adult Job Re-entry and other curriculum areas. Presently, she is completing the requirements of the Supervisory Officers' Qualification Program.

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Brian Johnson has been appointed as Principal of Manitouwadge High School. He has been a Principal for the past seven years with the last two years being a Principal of a Kindergarten to Grade 12 School in the Northwest Territories. He also worked for several years in school administration in both elementary and secondary schools in Nunavut. Mr. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science (Computer/ Economics) from Trent University, a Bachelor of Education from University of Windsor and a Masters of Education from Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, Australia. Additional qualifications to his credit include Ontario Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification in Marina and Small Powered Equipment Mechanics as well as a Horticulturist, Landscaper and Greens Keeper license. He also holds a private pilot's license.

Appointed as Vice Principal at Nipigon Red Rock District High School is Barbara Willcocks. She relocates to northwestern Ontario from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan where she has been the Principal at Westview / Kistahpinanihk Community School. Ms. Willcocks has a Masters of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Saskatchewan, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts from York University. Her additional qualifications include Specialist in Computer Studies, Special Education, Guidance and Principal's qualifications. With a wide array of experience, Barb has worked as a Special Education Resource Teacher, Teacher in the Developmental Program, Vice-Principal and Principal.

Marathon High School will have a new Vice-Principal with the appointment of Brenda Wiskin. Most recently, Ms. Wiskin was Vice Principal at Marjorie Mills Public School in Longlac. Prior to this, she was Vice-Principal at Margaret Twomey Public School in Marathon. She holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. Ms. Wiskin has her Principal's qualifications and additional qualifications in Special Education, Mathematics Education, Guidance, Business Studies, Co-operative Education, Reading and Computers in the Classroom.

Linda Penna has been appointed as Vice-Principal at Marjorie Mills Public School. She is transferring to her new position following several years as Special Education Teacher at Lake Superior High School. Linda holds a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education and a Bachelor of Education. She is qualified in the Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions and holds additional qualifications in Special Education, Computers in the Classroom, Honours Specialist, Physical and Health Education and holds Principal's qualifications.

At Dorion Public School, Anne Lockwood was appointed Vice-Principal. She is currently the Vice-Principal at Nipigon-Red Rock District High School and prior to this spent a number of years as a teacher at Manitouwadge High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education as well as additional qualifications in Special Education, Reading, Business Studies, Computers in the Classroom and Principal's qualifications.

We extend our congratulations to Valerie Newton, Brian Johnson, Barb Willcocks, Brenda Wiskin, Linda Penna and Anne Lockwood and as they embark upon their new leadership roles.