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Superior-Greenstone DSB Appoints New Director of Education

MARATHON, Ontario – Pauline (Pinky) McRae, Chair of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board is pleased to announce that David Tamblyn has been appointed as the Director of Education, effective September 1, 2011. Tamblyn's assignment follows the recent announcement that the current Director, Patti Pella has been appointed to the Ministry of Education's Thunder Bay Regional office for a three-year secondment.

Tamblyn has been the Superintendent of Education for Superior-Greenstone DSB for the past two years. Prior to stepping into senior administration he served for eight years as Principal of the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Public Schools and was a classroom teacher in the schools for 13 years.

In addition to his teaching and administrative experience, Tamblyn holds a Master in Education degree with a specialization in Educational Leadership. As a long term employee of Superior-Greenstone DSB, he is familiar with the challenges the school board faces as well as the opportunities that lay ahead.

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Tamblyn believes the strength of his leadership is in the strong relationships he has developed with employees throughout the board and the trust that has evolved as a result of these relationships.

“We are confronted with many challenges as a result of declining enrolment and we are continually faced with difficult decisions,” said Tamblyn. “In order to maintain the trust of our constituents, communication and transparency will be essential components of my leadership.”

Capacity building is another area Tamblyn will focus upon. “In my role as Superintendent, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many of our employees from across the district. There are far too many examples of where we have looked beyond our district for outside expertise and what I have learned is that, we have a lot of expertise within our board as well as a strong desire to learn.”

Tamblyn hopes to continue to build a collaborative culture with an emphasis on professional growth and development as well as a focused approach towards student achievement. He said, “Superior-Greenstone DSB has a vision in which all students achieve their full potential. Embracing student achievement, engagement and equity, board staff strive to provide relevant, responsive education so that each of our 1700 students become lifelong learners and contributing citizens in a diverse world.”

Until August 31, 2011, Tamblyn will take on the responsibility of Acting Director of Education and begin his formal role as Director commencing September 1, 2011.

With an operating budget of $36 million, Superior-Greenstone DSB is proud of the 17 schools that serve the communities that make up this board including, Longlac, Nakina, Geraldton, Caramat, Beardmore, Nipigon, Red Rock, Dorion/Hurkett, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon and Manitouwadge.