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Superior-Greenstone DSB Appoints Barbara Willcocks as Student Success Leader

MARATHON, Ontario – The Superior-Greenstone District School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara Willcocks as Student Success Leaders, effective August 23, 2010.

Mrs. Willcocks brings a wide range of experience to her new role with the board administration team. Her career in education spans thirty-four years, the last four years being with Superior-Greenstone DSB, serving first as Vice-Principal of the Nipigon-Red Rock District High School and currently as Principal of the board's elementary schools in Red Rock and in Dorion. Since 2008, Mrs. Willcocks has also held the portfolio of Aboriginal Lead for this board.

Prior to her experience with Superior-Greenstone DSB, Mrs. Willcocks served in principal and vice-principal capacities with the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division where she was also Head of Student Service/Special Education Coordinator for four years of her 10-year tenure with that board. She also has many years experience in teaching within Northern Ontario boards as well as with the Vancouver Island North School District in Port Hardy, BC.

Mrs. Willcocks holds a Masters of Education degree in Educational Administration, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Geography at York University. She has specialist qualifications in Special Education and Computers Studies and has completed the Principal's Qualification Course Parts 1 and 2 from Lakehead University.

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Director of Education Patti Pella said she is delighted to welcome Mrs. Willcocks to her role in senior administration. “As a school administrator, Barb has met a myriad of challenges with optimism in the communities of Red Rock and Dorion and she has done excellent work with strengthening our relationship within the area of Aboriginal student education. Her enthusiasm as an educator, her passionate commitment to the teaching profession and her exceptional interpersonal and communication skills will be an immense benefit to this board’s continuing work toward student success.”

We extend our congratulations to Barbara as she begins her new leadership role with the Superior-Greenstone District School Board.