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### **Superior-Greenstone DSB: Superintendent of Education Appointed / School Principal Transfers**

MARATHON, Ontario – David Tamblyn, Acting Director of Education is pleased to announce that Nancy Petrick has accepted an appointment as Superintendent of Education for Superior-Greenstone District School Board. Ms. Petrick, formerly the Principal of Nipigon–Red Rock District High School holds qualifications as a Supervisory Officer. She graduated from Lakehead University with a Master of Education – Curriculum Studies and has specialist qualifications in Special Education, Cooperative Education and an Honours Specialist in Biology. To her credit, she also holds qualifications in School Librarianship, Guidance, Visual Arts and Intermediate & Senior Science, and Primary/Junior qualifications.

Petrick's career in education spans 23-years with the Lakehead Public Schools (LPS) before making the transition to Superior-Greenstone DSB. During her tenure with LPS, she held the position of Vice-Principal and served in others capacities including as a classroom teacher, department chair, an administrator and Education Officer.

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“Nancy has a thorough understanding of the challenges and possibilities Superior-Greenstone DSB faces and with her knowledge and experience, her presence will compliment the Board’s Senior Administration Team,” said Tamblyn

While at Nipigon-Red Rock District High School, Petrick advocated for Student Success initiatives and was instrumental in leading professional development for secondary program leaders. Her strengths of being able to think globally and build partnerships will be an asset to this board where Petrick acknowledges there are challenges ahead, particularly as enrolment declines. Said Petrick, “With every challenge also comes opportunity. It is the Board’s response to emerging opportunities that will allow us to showcase our talent as well as strengthen relationships between regional stakeholders such as industry, First Nations, community groups and services.”

Dedicated to the principles of inclusiveness and teamwork, Petrick plans to underpin her new role with strong communication, openness and trust. “I am really looking forward to the opportunity to be a positive addition to the Board’s Administrative Team and I can hardly wait to get started,” said Petrick.

With the appointment of Petrick as Superintendent, there has been a opportunity to affect several other school administration changes. Principal Donna Fry of Lake Superior High School in Terrace Bay will transfer over as Principal of Nipigon-Red Rock District High School in September.

Long-time Principal of Geraldton’s B.A. Parker Public School, Linda Palmer is transferring to the position of Principal at Lake Superior High School in Terrace Bay. Palmer brings with her a familiarity with the community having taught in that school before her posting in Geraldton.

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Also in September, Erica Cotton will transfer from her position as Vice Principal of Geraldton Composite High School to become the Vice-Principal of the newly renovated facility, housing both B.A. Parker Public School and the Geraldton Composite High School. Al Luomala remains as Principal of Geraldton Composite High School, with the additional responsibility to oversee the B.A. Parker elementary school operations.

“The new school year promises to be an exciting time as we welcome the opening of the newly renovated Geraldton Composite High School and B.A. Parker Public School facility,” said Tamblyn. “As well, several school administrators will begin to develop relationships in their new school communities and I know you will all join me in expressing our best wishes to all our school leaders and a special welcome to those newly transferred.”