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## Toronto Catholic District School Board Appoints New Director of Education

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has appointed Les Nemes as its new Director of Education. Mr. Nemes replaces Kevin Kobus, who will retire July 31, 2008.

Les Nemes has spent the past 40 years in Catholic education, all of which was spent with the Metropolitan Separate School Board and TCDSB. Most recently he has served as Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, following terms as Superintendent of Education and Assistant Superintendent of Education, and earlier as a teacher and principal at various schools in the system.

"I am honoured to have been selected to lead the Toronto Catholic District School Board," says Les Nemes of his appointment. "I look forward to working in close partnership with the Board of Trustees, our staff, parents and parishes for the betterment of Catholic education."

Some of the most recent highlights in his career so far have been spearheading the year-round schooling initiative, which was approved by the Board for implementation in 2009-2010, as well as former Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman's twinning initiative between TCDSB schools and northern communities.

Catherine LeBlanc-Miller, TCDSB's Chair-Elect, welcomes Mr. Nemes to his new position. "We are confident that Mr. Nemes has the experience and the commitment to serve as our new Director of Education," she says. "The times ahead will be challenging but I know that we will work in close partnership and much will be accomplished."

"With his lengthy career in Catholic education, we are certain that Mr. Nemes has gained valuable insight into the workings of our own school board, as well as education throughout the province. This experience will be invaluable in the days ahead," says outgoing Chair Oliver Carroll.

The TCDSB also wishes Mr. Kobus the best in his future endeavours.

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