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Boyko starts seventh year as Catholic Board chair

SASKATOON, (Nov. 3, 2014) – Diane Boyko is beginning her seventh term as chair of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education today after trustees unanimously elected her to the post at the Board's organizational meeting.

"I feel humbled and blessed that once again my colleagues have selected me as chair of our Board," said Boyko, who was first elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2006, 2009 and 2012.

"Our administration, our staff members, our students and their families make Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools the wonderful school division that it is," Boyko added. "We are privileged that we are able to offer Catholic education for those who choose it and will to continue to advocate for a strong faith-based alternative within Saskatchewan's educational landscape."

Trustees are now beginning the third year of a four-year term. At a retreat and strategic planning session last spring they renewed their priorities, listed below, along with some key goals:

- Celebrating and promoting Catholic identity – supporting the faith journeys of staff and students and building understanding of Catholic education
- Improving student learning and achievement – improving academic achievement, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy
- Building relationships and partnerships – continuing to deepen relationships with parishes, First Nations and Métis communities, and families who are new to Canada
- Promoting Stewardship – responsibly allocating financial resources and proactively maintaining and planning for new facilities

Boyko has been co-ordinator of the Sundog Arts and Entertainment Faire since 1995. She was on the host committee for the 2012 Canadian Country Music Awards held in Saskatoon and co-chaired the Saskatoon Juno Awards 2007. Boyko has served as the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) representative to the University of Saskatchewan Senate and is a mentor with Leadership Saskatoon.

Boyko is on the SSBA's Paul Martin Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee and is a member of her division's māmawohkamātowin partnership with the

Saskatoon Tribal Council and Central Urban Métis Federation Inc (CUMFI). She was also a member of the Ministry of Education's Student Achievement and Assessment Advisory Committee.

Boyko belongs to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George and is a board member of Musee Ukraina Museum in Saskatoon.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools serves 16,650 students in 44 schools in Saskatoon, Humboldt and Biggar. As a result of recent amalgamations, it also serves students in Martensville and Warman who wish to receive Catholic education.

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