



Algoma District School Board

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**To: Principals, Managers, Staff,
Union and Federation Presidents**

The Annual Inaugural Meeting of the Algoma District School Board was held on Monday, December 3.

1. ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ACCLAIMS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR POSITIONS

Wanda McQueen will once again be leading the Algoma District School Board (ADSB) following "elections" at the ADSB Inaugural Meeting held on Monday, December 3, 2007 and Larry Pallot continues in his role with the Board. Both Wanda and Larry were re-acclaimed to Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Wanda has been with the ADSB for 19 years consecutively, elected first as a Trustee in November 1988. She was Vice Chair for two years and in 2002 was chosen as Chair of the Algoma District School Board, a position she has now held for 5 years. In her time as Trustee, Vice Chair and Chair, Wanda has served on numerous committees including Teacher Trustee Relations, Auditory Advisory, and Transportation and has been liaison with the School Council Coordinating Committee (SCCC). She has acted as Alternate Board Director for the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) and Co-chaired the Annual General Meeting for OPSBA when it was held in Sault Ste. Marie. It is Wanda's belief that Trustees are advocates for students, parents and the public, working towards giving students every opportunity to obtain the education they will need to become independent learners, now and in the future.

Larry Pallot was first elected as a Trustee for the Algoma District School Board in November 2000 serving for Prince Township and unorganized townships north of Sault Ste. Marie and was acclaimed to the position of Vice Chair in 2003. In the past, Larry has been a member of the Mountain View Public School parent council. He has sat on several selection committees, helping to choose Vice-Principals, Principals, Superintendents and a Director of Education. Larry has also been the Trustee representative on the District Recreation Committee. Larry became Vice Chair of the Board in 2003 and has served in that position for 5 years.

During their next one year term, Wanda and Larry will be dealing with such initiatives as:

- Negotiation of Collective Agreements with all employee groups
- Facility Reviews intended to bring about the consolidation of two elementary and two secondary schools into one brand new elementary and one new secondary school including the possibility of building an addition to an elementary school to create a JK-12 School
- The effectiveness of a restructured Administrative Council
- Establishment of new Transportation Consortia
- Restructure of the Board's technology infrastructure that will bring high levels of service in Wide Area Network and eventually to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)
- Improving Student Achievement through many initiatives including the new School Effectiveness Framework, Safe Schools, Anti-Bullying, Character Education and Aboriginal Programs.