



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Carriere begins new term as board chair**

**SASKATOON, Nov. 20, 2007** – At the organizational meeting of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education held earlier this week, Jim Carriere was named chair of the board. Carriere, who begins his fifth one-year term as chair, was unopposed in the selection process.

In looking ahead to the board's work this year, Carriere pointed to two of the board's current priorities: improving student learning and achievement and celebrating Catholic identity.

"One of our most important roles is working with our staff and with families and the wider community to create a learning environment that allows all students to do their best with the talents God has graced them with," Carriere said.

Trustees are also committed to ensuring the board of education promotes and celebrates Catholic education in Saskatoon and area. This includes highlighting the unique mandates of Catholic education: ensuring students are rooted in faith, helping them grow in knowledge, and teaching them of their responsibility to reach out and transform the world by making it a better place to live.

Carriere added that the board is looking forward to working with newly elected Premier Brad Wall to analyze the school division's plans for new and existing facilities and to create a strategy that will allow the division to move forward with long-anticipated capital projects.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools serves approximately 15,200 students in 45 schools in Saskatoon, Humboldt, Biggar and Viscount. It has approximately 1900 people working as teaching, service or support staff.

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