



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Hanson appointed director of education**

**SASKATOON, March 26, 2007** – The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education has appointed Bev Hanson as the division's new director of education. Hanson has been acting director of the division since July 2006, following the resignation of Helen Horsman.

"Bev is the right person for our division today, for our children, for the Catholic education community," said board chair Jim Carriere. "With her skills, we will be well-served into the future."

Hanson's breadth of experience within Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, her modeling of Gospel values and the wide respect she's earned within the division were key factors the board considered in her appointment, Carriere said.

The board had received numerous expressions of interest in the position after it was advertised this winter.

Hanson has spent her entire career with Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, starting out as an elementary school teacher in 1973 at Bishop Klein School. Since then she has held several other positions with the division, including learning assistance teacher, special education consultant and curriculum coordinator.

In 1997 Hanson became a superintendent of education. She held that position until she was appointed acting director in 2006. The director of education is effectively the chief executive officer of the school division. Along with these administrative duties, the director must also be a passionate advocate for Catholic education.

"I genuinely look forward to the opportunities this position will provide," said Hanson. "Our division, thanks to the hard work of our staff, continues to be vibrant and innovative, without forsaking our calling as Catholic educators.

"My commitment is to ensure our schools are faith-filled places where each and every child is valued and where learning is strong," she said.

As the board of education charts its priorities, trustees are confident in the guidance Hanson will provide, Carriere said. A renewed focus on academic excellence and celebrating the division's Catholic identity will be among the new goals, he said.

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Hanson, who was born and raised on a farm in Major, SK, is married and has three grown children and two grandchildren. She is a member of Holy Spirit Parish, where she has been active in a variety of ministries.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is the largest Catholic school division in Saskatchewan, with approximately 15,200 students in 44 schools in Saskatoon, Humboldt, Biggar and Viscount. The school division strives to see children grow academically, emotionally and spiritually.

**\*Please note: A color jpg of Hanson is available upon request to [dhoffman@scs.sk.ca](mailto:dhoffman@scs.sk.ca) or by calling 659-7077.**

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