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Hawkins resigns seat on board of education

SASKATOON, Dec. 18, 2007 – Todd Hawkins has resigned from his position as trustee on the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education.

Hawkins, who represented Catholic school ratepayers in Biggar and area, submitted his letter of resignation earlier this month.

“Children in the Catholic system receive an education of superior quality and I hold the highest degree of confidence in the direction the current board is heading. This peace of mind is allowing me to step back and enjoy more time with my family,” said Hawkins.

He had been a member of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education since Jan. 1, 2006, when the Catholic school board in Biggar amalgamated with Catholic school boards in Saskatoon, Humboldt and Viscount to form Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. Prior to amalgamation, Hawkins had served on the St. Gabriel Roman Catholic Separate School Board for nine years.

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education is expected to formally accept Hawkins’ resignation at its next regular board meeting on Jan. 14, 2008.

“We are obviously saddened that Todd will no longer be a member of our board,” said Jim Carriere, board chair. “He brought valuable insight to our discussions and his contributions will be missed.”

Preparations are under way to hold a by-election to determine who will represent Biggar and area on the board. An election date has not been set.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools serves approximately 15,200 students in 45 schools in Saskatoon, Humboldt, Biggar and Viscount. It has approximately 1,900 people working as teaching, service or support staff.

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