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Director announces retirement

Terry Lyons to step down as of July 31

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021) – After 32 years in education, Terry Lyons will step down as Director of Education at the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. His retirement, which takes effect on July 31, 2021, was announced at a meeting of the Board of Trustees tonight.

Lyons began his role with the WECDSD as Executive Superintendent of Human Resources in 2015 and took over as Director in October of 2017 following the retirement of Paul Picard.

Board Chair Fulvio Valentinis thanked Lyons for his passion and dedicated service to the board and his collaboration with Trustees, citing among his many accomplishments the acquisition of a new site for a replacement for Catholic Central High School and moving the project forward; succession planning and building greater administrative capacity by encouraging more people to step into leadership positions; and navigating the board through the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Every decision Terry has made throughout his entire career has been in the best interest of students and their families,” Valentinis said. “He is an exceptional leader and a great mentor who knows what it takes to build a great team. He has a strong moral compass that has always guided him and his faith defines his decisions. He has been a true champion of Catholic education and he will definitely be missed by Trustees, and his many friends and colleagues throughout the system.”

Lyons said he is looking forward to spending more time with family and travelling when it is safe to do so again.

“This has been the most challenging, but also the most rewarding part of my career,” said the 57-year-old Lyons. “I was honoured to have the opportunity to serve this school board, our students and their families. I’ve always lived by the credo that we need to be better today than we were yesterday, and better tomorrow than we were today, and I think that has resonated with so many of our staff who are clearly committed to continually finding new and better ways to help our students succeed.”

“Building communities of faith, hope and service”

Valentinis said the next step for the Board will be to launch a thorough search process to find a replacement for Lyons.

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