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CSC ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF KEITH CLARK, DIRECTOR, EVALUATION SERVICES

It is with regret that the Board of Directors of Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) has accepted the resignation of Keith Clark as Director, Evaluation Services.

Keith has been one of our longest serving educators, beginning with his involvement when still an Instructional Leader with the Halton District School Board in 1997. The Program staff of Halton DSB assisted CSC (then OCC) with the development of quality standards and a process for the evaluation of resources. Keith then continued to assist CSC from time to time with leadership in the evaluation of Science materials until, in 2004, having been retired from his school board for four years, he agreed to accept the position of Director, Evaluation Services.

Keith's shoes will be hard to fill. His ability to analyze a problem and to come up with sensible and appropriate recommendations is a testament to his solid understanding of education delivery at the K to 12 levels and, specifically, curriculum policy, its philosophy and intent. Keith willingly took on challenging portfolios and, with his project management skills, was able to see projects to a successful completion.

Keith expanded his portfolio from one activity—textbook evaluation—to website development and delivery of project called CultureSource.ca for the Department of Canadian Heritage, to vetting parent applications for the Parent Engagement Office, and recently, to winning an RFP to vet applications for the Premier's Teachers' Awards. He also developed web-based training for CSC evaluators, streamlined processes to select Grants for Teachers (awarded annually by CSC's charity—The Curriculum Foundation), and pre-screened resources for CSC's online store until it was closed earlier this school year.

The Board and staff of CSC wish Keith well as he embraces retirement, travel, model railroad building, and we hope, a few contracts to keep his hand in.

An Invitation to You:

A reception to celebrate Keith's career will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at CSC offices in the Boardroom, 439 University Avenue, 18th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5G 1Y8. Speeches will take place at 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to drop by and offer your best wishes. A book will be made available for you write messages to Keith or to insert pre-printed messages that you might want to prepare in advance.

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CSC ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR, EVALUATION SERVICES

Effective February 19, 2008, the Board of Directors of Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) takes pleasure in welcoming Anita Sherwin-Hamer to the position of Director Designate, Evaluation Services. Anita will work with retiring Director, Evaluation Services, Keith Clark, for one month of orientation before becoming Director when Keith retires on March 14, 2008. CSC is confident that the same quality performance in all our evaluation services will continue seamlessly throughout this period of transition.

Anita's main responsibility will be managing the process for the evaluation of textbooks for Ontario English-language schools, thus assisting the Ministry of Education in the approval process for the Trillium List of approved textbooks. Other duties will include standards-based evaluation services for supplementary resources across Canada and the fulfillment of contracts that require CSC's proven standards development and applications for projects such as the Premier's Teachers' Awards.

All of Anita's responsibilities embrace CSC's slogan—Excellence Is Our Standard. She will be awarding the CSC Seal of Quality to resources that meet high standards. This Seal assures teachers that a resource bearing it is "safe" to use in the classroom—meets curriculum objectives, reflects sound pedagogy, contains relevant and up-to-date information, uses accepted evaluation and assessment strategies, appears in a format that supports the learning principles, and, importantly, is inclusive.

Anita comes to CSC from the Durham Catholic District School Board where she has been a principal for 10 years and active in the delivery of programs and resources to principals across Ontario. She admits to having a "passion for curriculum", holding a Master of Education degree in Curriculum from OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) and Supervisory Officer Qualifications as well.

We invite you to contact Anita with congratulations, issues or ideas at CSC offices after February 19th. Her coordinates will be posted on the CSC website at that time.

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