



Executive Director of Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) to Retire

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The Board of Directors of Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) regrettably announces the retirement of Kathryn McFarlane, Executive Director, after 12 years of dedicated service. Kathryn joined CSC in its infancy and, through her outstanding leadership and vision, developed and nurtured CSC into a Pan-Canadian front runner for quality assurance in learning resources and professional learning programs. She will continue to manage CSC until December 23, 2008.

Through her capable direction, Kathryn was able to expand the mandate of CSC from an organization responsible solely for the evaluation of textbooks, to a family of services including learning resource evaluation, mentoring services for the development of learning resources, web-based and multimedia professional learning opportunities for educators, and The Curriculum Foundation—a charity that offers grants for teachers to develop resources.

Under Kathryn's guidance, CSC has gained significant recognition in Ontario and across Canada, and is well on the way to fulfilling her dream to make it the agency to which all Canadian teachers turn for quality learning resources and professional learning opportunities. In recruiting, managing, and service delivery, Kathryn has emphasized that CSC reflect its slogan—*Excellence Is Our Standard*.

In the coming months, as we enter a time of leadership transition, the Board wishes to assure CSC's clients and staff that under Kathryn's direction and in cooperation with the Board and senior management team, CSC will continue to provide exemplary services and will ensure a smooth transition to new leadership for the organization.

The CSC Board members wish to express their deep gratitude to Kathryn for her unqualified dedication to the vision and mission of CSC and wish her a fulfilling future. At an appropriate time, a celebration of Kathryn's career will take place.

The Board welcomes any questions you may have regarding this period of transition. Please e-mail:

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