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OTTAWA – Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) elects new Board of Directors

Members of Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) voted in a new slate of directors at the CPF Ontario Annual General Meeting on Sunday October 17, 2010.

Upon being elected to a second term as President, Heather Stauble expressed her pleasure to serve the membership and in particular to continue the important work of influencing change in support of the organization's position statements on equitable access for all children to quality French Second Language programs.

“This board is committed to the consultation process that will influence actions at the Ministry level, at the board level and within schools that will allow for program growth and improve student retention in FSL programs” expressed Stauble. “We will continue to seek more accountability on the flow of FSL funds to the classroom” she added.

Joining seasoned members of the Board of Directors are Mary Anne Alton from Owen Sound and Max Cooke from Toronto. A recently retired Director of Education with the Bluewater District School Board and parent of a graduate of the French Immersion program, Mary Anne hopes to build on CPF successes and strengthen its relationships with school boards across the province. Max is a strong believer in the opportunity for all children to become official language bilinguals. He is currently the Director of Communications for the Canadian Education Association, serves on the board of French for the Future and is a past Executive Director of CPF Quebec.

Brief biographies of the full 2010-2011 CPF Ontario Board of Directors can be found on the CPF Ontario website at www.cpfont.on.ca.

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Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of over 24,000 members that values French as an integral part of Canada and is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French Second-Language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

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