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## **Historic Double Win for 2011 Canadian Superintendent of the Year**

Niagara Falls, Ontario, July 10, 2011 — For the first time in the organization's history, the Canadian Association of School Administrators (CASA) has awarded its prestigious EXL Award to two superintendents. Curtis Brown and Linda Fabi were announced as the 2011 Canadian Superintendents of the Year at this year's CASA Annual Conference in Niagara Falls on July 7. Xerox Canada has sponsored the award since 2002.

Five superintendents from across the country were nominated for the EXL Award:

- Maria Esposito, Superintendent of Education, Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association)
- Barbara Gammon, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services, Palliser Regional Schools (College of Alberta School Superintendents)
- Antonio Lacroce, former Director General of the English Montreal School Board and currently with the Quebec Ministry of Education (Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec)
- Curtis Brown, Superintendent, South Slave Divisional Education Council (Northwest Territories Superintendents' Association)
- Linda Fabi, Director of Education, Waterloo District School Board (Ontario Public Supervisory Officials' Association)

Dr. Curtis Brown has provided innovative educational leadership in both the Northwest Territories and Nunavut for more than 23 years. He facilitated collaborative initiatives that received the 2006 Premier's Award for Excellence, the 2009 Premier's Award for Collaboration, and the 2009 Excellence in Education Award.

He has been instrumental in changing the culture of teaching and learning in the South Slave region of the Northwest Territories. Of note especially is his work with the region's signature initiative Leadership for Literacy. This program was adopted by the Education Minister as a territorial pilot and is now serving as a model for other regions.

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Throughout his career, Dr. Brown has been a strong advocate for alternative programming and expanded opportunities for students. He also plays and coaches hockey. He and his wife, an award-winning teacher herself, have two young children.

Linda Fabi, in addition to serving as her district's Director of Education, has also been the district's Executive Superintendent of Education and Superintendent of Instruction. Ms. Fabi is the recipient of the Ontario Public Supervisory Officials' Association's President's Award and has served as OPSOA's President.

She is described by colleagues as an outstanding leader and is recognized for her ability to build effective relationships with others. Her accomplishments include successfully implementing the reorganization of the Waterloo Regional District School Board administration team to focus on instructional leadership and establishing a Safe and Secure Schools Steering Committee.

Ms. Fabi has also served on the board of directors and as an advisor for Strong Start (a community-based early learning initiative), on the board of directors and as Committee Chairperson and Education Advisor for the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, and on the board of directors for Kitchener's The Museum.

### **About the EXL Award**

Every year, each CASA affiliate selects a superintendent or director as their Superintendent of the Year. CASA members who have shown exemplary leadership ability and who have enhanced school administration are eligible for this award. Nominees should have brought honour to themselves, their colleagues, and their profession; given exemplary service to their provincial or national professional association; and made significant contributions to the field of education through their service, writings, or other activities, therefore serving as role models and teachers to others. They must also have had five years of membership in CASA.

From this list of affiliate nominees, a Canadian Superintendent of the Year is chosen. The award includes an honorary lifetime membership in CASA. The Canadian Superintendent of the Year is also recognized at the annual American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Conference, where the American Superintendent of the Year is selected. The 2012 AASA Conference will take place in Houston, Texas.

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**Randy Brydges- Xerox Canada, Co-winners Curtis Brown and Linda Fabi, Louis Gagnon Xerox Canada**

### **About CASA**

CASA is the voice for senior education leaders in Canada to influence the direction of national issues that impact on education. CASA is a federation of provincial and territorial affiliates whose members are professional education leaders. Associate members include professors of educational administration, graduate students in educational administration, and individual administrators.

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