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The specialization in sports program at *École secondaire publique Le Sommet* joins forces with the local junior hockey team

HAWKESBURY, October 10, 2012 – The *Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario* (CEPEO) – Eastern Ontario's French Public School Board -- and the administration of *École secondaire publique Le Sommet* are pleased to announce that a partnership has been formed between Shawn Anderson, head coach and owner of the Hawkesbury Hawks Junior "A" hockey team, and the school's specialization in sports (hockey option). Mr. Anderson and the teacher responsible for the program, Andréanne Thibault, are thrilled with this close cooperation.

"This partnership represents a turning point for the specialization in sports program. The CEPEO and *Le Sommet* are devoted to providing a quality education, while also being innovative in delivering their services," said the Principal of *École secondaire publique Le Sommet*, Anne Laflamme. Mr. Anderson has shown a strong interest in the program, and accepted the invitation to support the players in the hockey specialization program. In addition to his passion for the sport, he brings his experience, expertise and opportunities. What's more, the players in the specialization will have the privilege of working and training with the high-calibre players of the Hawks Junior "A" line. The partnership will include a mentoring program.

"As a former professional hockey player, I can tell you from experience that a good education is the key to success. Getting involved in the specialization in sports program at *École secondaire publique Le Sommet* was the perfect opportunity to offer my extensive experience in sports for the benefit of the students. The staff at *Le Sommet* are the best people I could have the chance to work with on a program like this. The program has a solid structure and enjoys strong support in order to ensure the success of its students," said Mr. Anderson, head coach and owner of the Hawkesbury Hawks Junior "A" team.

The specialization in sports program at *École secondaire publique Le Sommet* is undergoing expansion. The staff in charge of the program have taken on the challenge of quickly improving student performance while also offering them a greater amount of training time.

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Écoles de choix, Conseil de choix. A leader in education and environmental management, the *Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario* (CEPEO) is the only school board in North America to offer the ISO 14000 program for students, recognized worldwide by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The CEPEO is also currently integrating the ISO 14001 standard into its practices; this standard sets out requirements for an environmental management system. The CEPEO serves more than 12,400 students and includes 38 French-language elementary and secondary schools across Eastern Ontario.

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