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Bluewater District School Board and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education to Sign Agreement

Chesley, ON – The signing of a special agreement between Bluewater District School Board and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education will take place at the Band Office/Council Chambers, 135 Lakeshore Boulevard in Cape Croker on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 at 1:00pm.

The Education Services Agreement outlines several items including ensuring eligibility for enrolment of First Nation pupils at Bluewater schools, equal opportunity for First Nation students, and First Nation representation on Bluewater advisory committees. There is also an agreement that both partners collaborate to establish a Special Education Advisory Circle to support and advise all parties regarding students with special education needs.

“We are extremely proud of the partnership between the Bluewater and Chippewas of Nawash Boards. First Nation representation on our Board, advisory committees and within our classrooms reflects one of our core Values of establishing reciprocal partnerships with business, industry, agencies and the community, in order to support learning for all students,” says Bluewater District School Board Chair Marg Gaviller.

“Renewing the agreement between both Boards is vital for several reasons. We need to maintain a dialogue and collaboration with our partners at Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation to better serve the education needs and promote student achievement in all our communities. The enrolment of First Nation students at Bluewater also fosters an inclusive and diverse cultural learning environment where everyone can benefit”, says Director of Education John Bryant.

Members of the media are invited to attend the signing ceremony. Officials from Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education and Bluewater District School Board will be in attendance. A photo opportunity will be available during the signing of the agreement.

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