

Mario Turco appointed Big Kahuna at school board

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Turco, who's replacing retiring Director of Education Ray DeRosario, will assume the position of director-designate on August 1.

He's a graduate of Sault Collegiate Institute who went on to study honours mathematics at the University of Guelph and took a master's degree in curriculum and administration at the University of Toronto.

The following is the full text of a news release issued today by the school board:

Algoma District School Board appoints Mario Turco as its next director of education

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The Algoma District School Board is pleased to announce that Mario Turco, current Superintendent of Education, has been appointed to the position of Director of Education, effective 2004 01 01.

Mr. Turco will assume the role of Director Designate on 2003 08 01 to allow for transition with retiring Director of Education Ray DeRosario.

Turco, who has spent his entire educational career with the Board, began his teaching in 1970 at Korah Collegiate as a mathematics teacher.

He went on to teach at Alexander Henry High School, became Vice-principal and Principal of Bawating and has been Superintendent of Human Resources then Superintendent of Education since 1990.

"Mr. Turco was chosen from among internal and external candidates and we are very fortunate to have secured such a capable leader who is highly regarded by his peers, staff and community," says Board chairperson Wanda McQueen.

"Trustees have a high regard for his knowledge, expertise, leadership skills and his

strong commitment to doing what's best for students. We are pleased to promote a person who is not only a long term employee but also a graduate of our system."

"I am very proud of our Board and its accomplishments over the years. I consider it both an honour and a privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading our Board in providing the best possible education for students," says Turco. "I look forward to working with others to create a learning environment for creativity, innovation, and excellence. I know, I can count on our trustees, staff, parents and partners to help with this goal."