



The Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Staff Development Network (EOSDN) is pleased to announce the 2025 recipient of the Eleanor Newman Award for Outstanding Service: Manon Séguin, retired Superintendent of Education, Ottawa Catholic School Board. EOSDN Board Chair, Brent Bovaird, reflected upon the significant commitment that Manon has given to the mission of the Network. “Manon’s past and continued service to EOSDN has enriched our Network, contributing to staffing needs, and ongoing professional development throughout our thirteen member school boards and Queen’s University Faculty of Education.”

Tom D’Amico, Director of Education, OCSB, states that Manon’s work, commitment, and innovative approaches within our EOSDN community make her an excellent candidate for this award. Manon served as a Superintendent with the Ottawa Catholic School Board for eleven years. She creatively addressed complex challenges in the Intermediate Secondary Student Success Department and the Special Education and Student Services Department. A strong advocate for EOSDN, Manon’s leadership was evident during her years as a facilitator of the EOSDN SOQP Program and as an active member of the network’s Board of Directors. Manon has always been incredibly generous with her time, from supporting colleagues with questions regarding special education issues to mentoring multiple Supervisory Officers in the Eastern Ontario region.

In retirement, Manon continues her commitment to EOSDN by coordinating the Queen’s University FSL Multisession program, which has become an innovative model for recruiting FSL teachers and has generated interest province-wide. Her nearly two-decade-long affiliation with EOSDN has profoundly impacted and benefited all associated school boards in the network.

The Board of Directors of EOSDN is planning to present Manon with the Eleanor Newman Award for Outstanding Service at the Annual Awards dinner April 24th, 2025. The Board extends its sincere congratulations to Manon and invites all Network colleagues to do the same.