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## **It's back to school....for teachers!**

**(North Bay, ON)** – K to 12 Catholic teachers and educational assistants were back at school today, not to teach, but to learn. *Engaging the 21st Century Learner* was the theme for the first professional development day of the 2011-2012 school year at the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board.

Hundreds of educators filled the classrooms of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School for a morning session of student engagement workshops and an afternoon training session on health and safety.

Workshops covered timely topics and best practices in media literacy, differentiated instruction, physical education, engaging students in mathematics, and classroom technology including interactive white boards and Wikis.

"It is always inspiring when educators seek new ways of supporting students, particularly in a modern era where virtual learning and real-time environments are cultural realities of the digital generation they work with every day," said Anna Marie Bitonti, Director of Education. "Student engagement focused on twenty first century learning is an invigorating and energetic way to begin the year."



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