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Mother St. Bride One of Ontario's Most Improved Schools

(North Bay, ON) – Mother St. Bride School has been shortlisted for an *Award for Excellence in Education* in the category of *Improvement in Academics*. This category recognizes schools with consistent improvements in academic ratings over five years. This is the second year Mother St. Bride School is recognized for this award, having been shortlisted in the 2009-2010 school year.

Formerly known as the *Garfield Weston Awards for Excellence in Education*, these annual awards were established in 2005 to recognize teams of school staff in Ontario for their contribution to student academic performance. The top thirty schools, which are selected based on data in The Fraser Institute *Report Card on Ontario's Elementary Schools*, represent the top one per cent of Ontario's elementary schools in their category.

The awards are supported by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation and the Imperial Oil Foundation.

"This recognition exemplifies the continued dedication to overall student achievement at Mother St. Bride School," said Anna Marie Bitonti, Director of Education. "Once again the staff has shown that they are deeply rooted in the belief that all students can achieve their fullest potential."

Representatives from Mother St. Bride School will attend the awards celebration in Toronto on November 23, 2011.

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