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Deluxe Corporation Foundation Scholarships Help Young Readers at Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District

COLUMBUS, OH – More Grade One children who have difficulty with beginning reading will receive one-to-one tutoring from expert teachers, thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Deluxe Corporation Foundation. The grant will help fund a nine-month training program for a Reading Recovery teacher leader from Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. Training a teacher leader has a multiplier effect because each teacher leader provides training to many teachers who in turn work individually with eight to 10 Grade One students each year.

Reading Recovery is a highly effective, one-to-one tutoring intervention in which specially trained teachers work with Grade One students who are having difficulty reading. In just 12 to 20 weeks, 75 percent of students who have the full series of daily 30-minute lessons reach grade-level expectations. Most students continue to progress normally with good classroom instruction. Without intervention, nine out of 10 lowest-achieving struggling students continue to have difficulties with reading in later grades.

Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has Reading Recovery teachers in 31 of its 53 schools. With the training of a new teacher leader, the school board plans to add six to eight new school implementations in 2008-2009. This will allow more Grade One children to reach grade level standard.

This scholarship award was made possible through a \$75,000 international grant from Deluxe Corporation Foundation to the Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA), an organization dedicated to helping children who are having difficulties become proficient readers and writers by the end of Grade One. The grant has funded five scholarships to train Reading Recovery teacher leaders in U.S. and Canadian school districts that have nearby Deluxe Corporation facilities, including Cambridge, Ontario-based NEBS Business Products Ltd., a subsidiary of Deluxe Corporation.

“The Deluxe Foundation has been working with RRCNA for more than two years and is pleased to help an organization dedicated to the educational growth of children,” said Alec Marks, vice president of Human Resources and Organizational Development at NEBS. “Our employees in

Cambridge are excited that the donation will benefit Grade One students in the broader Southern-Ontario community.”

For more information on Reading Recovery and the Reading Recovery Council of North America, go to www.readingrecovery.org. Information about Deluxe Corporation and the Deluxe Corporation Foundation is available at Deluxe.com.

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