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Education director resigning

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John Fraser handed in his resignation last night after 15 years of service as director of the Peel Board of Education, the longest-serving director of public education in Ontario.

The move had been widely rumored for some time as Fraser entered the final year needed to obtain his full retirement.

"I've put in my time and that's why I'm leaving," he said in an interview after the school board meeting.

He thanked the trustees for their support and the school board for allowing him to serve the youth of the community. And after trustees unanimously voted to accept his resignation, he asked in his characteristic good humor if it had been a recorded vote.

"We will miss him very much," said school board chairman Marg McKee, adding she thought she heard Fraser make a sigh of relief after his resignation.

McKee said later that the public school system will miss the man who "brought such fine leadership skills and innovative programming to Peel."

Fraser's retirement is effective June 30, 1988.