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Highlights of the Fifth Regular Meeting of the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est (CSDNE)*

North Bay, March 17, 2009 – The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSDNE) held its fifth regular meeting of the school year on January 22, 2009, by videoconference.

At this meeting, several Board members expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in an audioconference on the governance review consultation process. Last November, the Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne, announced the creation of a Governance Review Committee that will submit recommendations on important issues such as ways to modernize and clarify the role of school Board trustees, the development of codes of conduct for trustees, and the establishment of a long-term capacity building program for trustees.

Ms. April Rosenberger, principal of *École publique Héritage* in North Bay, and Ms. Lise Dupuis, vice-principal of the school, also gave a presentation on the program *Samedi de bouger*. This program, which is available to children between the ages of 2 and 14 at *École publique Odyssée* in North Bay, provides a way to have fun and to grow and develop in French. The program creates a climate of confidence that gives the children an opportunity to express themselves in French and to make new friends. The parents find this program to be an excellent tool that allows their children to be immersed in the French culture.

The Board is pleased to report that Fritz Larivière, pedagogical advisor in language management, and William Stuckless, student trustee, took part in the *États généraux sur l'avenir du patrimoine culturel franco-ontarien*, held in North Bay this past February. Through our delegates' participation in this important conference, we had a hand in planning how to pass on our cultural heritage to future generations.

The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* covers a territory measuring 46,453 sq km and operates schools in Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing, Temiskaming Shores, Sturgeon Falls and North Bay.

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