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Lionel Gauthier and Renaissance: Two Timmins Public Schools Maintain Their Name

Northeastern Ontario, December 9, 2013 – The **Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario** (CSPNE) is happy to announce that *École publique Lionel Gauthier* and *École publique Renaissance* in Timmins will maintain their respective names. During the Board regular meeting held on December 6th, the Board trustees approved the recommendation submitted by the school councils which confirmed the request to maintain the current names of both schools.

A few weeks ago, the **CSPNE** invited the school community to participate in a survey in order to share their opinion about the identity of these Timmins' French-language public schools. The school board would like to take the opportunity to thank those who rallied together and took the time to express their opinion. The result was that 90 percent of the members of the CSPNE community were in favour of maintaining the current names for these two schools.

The **Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario** cares and respects the opinion of its team, students, their family and the community. The results of the survey categorically indicated that a strong majority wished to maintain the names of these two schools and the **CSPNE** believes that it is important for *École publique Lionel Gauthier* and *École publique Renaissance* to keep their current identity.

The fact that *École publique Lionel Gauthier's* new site is located on St. Jean Street directly behind *École publique Renaissance*, will be key to the creation of the **Village du Public** in September 2014. **Village du Public** is a concept emphasizing unity and Francophone identity through the inauguration of a French-language public hub within the community.

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