

# Press Release

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## Done deal!

### Hearst will get its French language public elementary school as early as September 2011

**Northeastern Ontario, September 29, 2010** - The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSPNE) is happy to report that during its regular board meeting on September 23, Board members approved the establishment of a French language public elementary school in Hearst for September 2011.

The CSPNE is proud to offer Francophone families in the Hearst region a school program from Kindergarten to Grade 8 within a system that fosters openness and tolerance, as well as a friendly and warm environment that promotes the success of its students. The new school will be temporarily located at *Place des Arts*, 75, 9<sup>e</sup> rue, in Hearst.

At a public meeting slated for the fall, members of the Board's administrative team will meet with parents and other interested persons in order to make the Hearst community more aware of the French public language education system. The team will also provide information about the Board and the programs and services it offers.

Mrs. Lina Payeur, chief executive officer of the *Conseil des Arts* de Hearst, stated: "This is a unique opportunity for promoting closer ties between the residents and the cultural community and for helping tomorrow's public to acquire the habit of attending various cultural events." Mr. Roch Gallien, Director of Education, added: "French language education is a choice and a right for all Francophone in Ontario. The new school will allow Francophones from Hearst to exercise their right and their choice for an education system that best responds to their needs. The establishment of the new public elementary school is the first step towards the offering of a wide range of educational programs for the Hearst community."

The increasing number of parents claiming their right to a French language public education is, without a doubt, the main reason for the opening of a new French language public elementary school in Hearst.

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