



A New Secondary School for Iroquois Falls' Francophone Population

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North Bay and Timmins, December 2nd 2010 - The *Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières* (CSCDGR) and the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSPNE) are happy to announce that the two Boards have signed a draft agreement for the establishment of a new French language secondary school in Iroquois Falls.

In a letter of intent sent to the Ministry of Education on November 24, 2010, the two Boards outlined the main clauses of the agreement related to this new collaborative capital investment project. This unique endeavor will ensure the full development of the Francophone community in the Iroquois Falls area.

Among other aspects, the project will include the acquisition of a piece of land in Iroquois Falls, the construction of a new school building and the collaborative administration of *École secondaire catholique L'Alliance* and *École secondaire publique L'Alliance*. Cooperation between the two Boards will ensure the continued offering of quality educational services in the area, while allowing each school to fulfill its own mission and vision.

The unique context faced by the French community in the Iroquois Falls region – minority status, sparsely populated rural area – is a strong incentive for the two Boards to share their efforts and resources within a single school building.

The two Boards engaged in the discussion of a possible agreement in order to find the most favorable solution for their respective student population. Thanks to this agreement, students from both Boards will benefit from a warm and respectful learning environment that will enhance the development of the French community in Iroquois Falls.

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