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Public consultations well received

North Bay – On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (CSPNE) concluded a series of public consultations in the Parry Sound and Muskoka regions to determine the level of interest in the community for the opening of a French-language public elementary school.

Following community consultation meetings in Huntsville, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge and Parry Sound, CSPNE will be able to receive a report as well as recommendations to decide whether the opening of a French-language school is a realistic and viable option. The report will be tabled in January 2017.

It should be noted that the consultation process was initiated following an official request to the Board for French-language education in the Parry Sound region. CSPNE is legally obligated to conduct a study to determine if this request is justified and if a school is warranted to meet the needs of families who have expressed an interest. As a result, the Board decided to hold public consultations in several communities in the Muskoka and Parry Sound region.

The community is invited to provide feedback on this issue by participating in an on-line survey and filling out a letter of support for the project before January 10, 2017 at www.cspne.ca.

Promoting universal values, CSPNE covers an area of 46,453 km² and offers quality, French-language education to the communities of Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Temiskaming Shores, Sturgeon Falls and North Bay. More than 2,200 students have chosen to attend a French-language public school in Northeastern Ontario.

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