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Next steps: CSPNE in Parry Sound

North Bay, February 24, 2017 – At its regular meeting on February 16, 2017, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (CSPNE) trustees received an administrative report outlining various observations and recommendations regarding the viability of opening a French-language public school in the Parry Sound area.

Following community consultation meetings held in Huntsville, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge and Parry Sound, CSPNE created a committee to continue studying this matter and make recommendations to the Board. In addition, CSPNE will conduct an in-depth demographic study to assess if there is a potential population base of Francophones that would sustain a French-language school in Parry Sound.

It should be noted that the consultation process was initiated following official requests to the Board for French-language education in the Parry Sound region. CSPNE conducted 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 in the Parry Sound area. As a result, the Board also decided to hold public consultations in several communities in the Muskoka region.

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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