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### **Official Opening: École élémentaire publique Jeunesse Active**

**Sturgeon Falls, November 29, 2016** – Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (CSPNE) is proud to announce today the official opening of École élémentaire publique Jeunesse Active in Sturgeon Falls.

Board and public school representatives from Northeastern Ontario, community partners as well as students and their families were in attendance at the opening ceremony. This is a very special event for the Francophone and Francophile community in the West Nipissing region.

Thanks to this construction project, a new daycare facility which accommodates 88 children, an administrative office and two renovated classrooms for the PAJE program were added to the school. This represents an investment of almost 5 million dollars that was carried out in two phases.

In her remarks at the ceremony, Line Bergeron, Board Trustee for this region and Chair of the Construction Committee, indicated that she was very pleased to offer an educational setting which meets the expectations of the families as well as the needs of the students. "After months of hard work, consultation and decision-making, the construction committee is proud to see this new school come to fruition." She also took the opportunity to thank her committee colleagues for concerted efforts in ensuring the success of this project.

School Principal Christian Lévesque was very happy to welcome all the guests and to finally be able to present the fresh new look of Jeunesse Active. "Cougars of all ages can now take advantage of these new facilities to embark upon an educational adventure in a setting conducive to learning and success."

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According to CSPNE Director of Education Simon Fecteau, this certainly marks a new page in the school's history. "This school has been an integral part of the community for 25 years, with its establishment in 1987 and in its current location at 130 Lisgar Street since September of 1991. Families, the community at large as well as CSPNE members have all dreamed for many years of being able to provide students in this area with a school that would be more inviting and better suited to promoting growth, well-being and success for students and staff alike."

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