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Highlights of the Inaugural Meeting and the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est (CSDNE)

North Bay, December 15, 2008 – The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSDNE) held its inaugural meeting and its fourth regular meeting of the school year on December 5 and 6, 2008, at Cedar Meadows in Timmins.

At the inaugural meeting, Board members elected their president and vice presidents. Mr. Robert Poirier was re-elected president, Ms. Viviane Thériault was elected vice president for the Northern region, and Mr. Michel Faucon was elected vice president for the Southern region.

In addition, the Board members took advantage of the occasion to welcome the new Board member from the Timmins region, Ms. Clara McKinnon, who was sworn in by Ghislain Beaupré, Director of Education.

The Director of Education, Mr. Beaupré, also presented his 2007-2008 annual report, a document that bears witness to the very wide range of activities undertaken by the CSDNE over the previous school year. A copy of this document is available at <http://www.csdne.edu.on.ca/rapportsannuels.asp>.

Finally, Ms. Elaine Dénomme, principal of *École publique Lionel-Gauthier* in Timmins, gave a presentation on the project *Les écoles en action: programme phare (Schools on the Move: Lighthouse Project)*, an initiative of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat. In fact, *École publique Lionel-Gauthier* was chosen by the Ministry of Education as one of the province's Francophone schools to take part in this program because of the school's exemplary work in improving student performance.

In addition, Mr. Normand Beaudry, principal of *École publique Renaissance* in Timmins, along with teachers Ms. Chantal Lavoie and Mr. Serge Rivard, teachers, gave a presentation on the *Majeure haute spécialisation en science de l'activité physique et plein air (Specialist High Skills Major in Physical and Outdoor Activity)*. Thanks to this new program, students from Grades 9 to 12 at Renaissance will now have the opportunity to obtain certifications in areas such as first aid, infection prevention, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The next regular meeting of the Board will take place on January 22, 2009, by videoconference. For more information about the Board's regular meetings, phone 472-3443 or 1-888-591-5656, extension 238.

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