



A French Public Elementary School In Hearst

North Eastern Ontario, October 15, 2009 – On September 24, at the first regular meeting of the 2009/2010 school year, the trustees of the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est* (CSDNE) mandated the administration to present potential options for the acquisition of a site for a new elementary school in Hearst.

A year ago, in response to a sufficient number of requests from French language families in the Hearst area, the CSDNE undertook a feasibility study on the establishment of a French public educational program in the municipality of Hearst. Consequently, the school board is continuing its work with the Ministry of Education for the eventual financing of this new school.

Advocating open communication and active listening regarding the pressing needs of the French language population in North Eastern Ontario, the CSDNE was created in 1998 to offer a choice to French language families in regards to the education of their children. Covering 46 453 square kilometres, the CSDNE operates schools in Kapuskasing, Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Temiskaming Shores, Sturgeon Falls and North Bay.

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