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## **CSPNE approves a balanced budget for 2017-2018**

**North Bay, July 10, 2017** – At its regular meeting on June 16, 2017, *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSPNE) approved a balanced budget of \$48,168,752 dollars for the 2017-2018 school year.

CSPNE Trustees approved a balanced budget plan designed to meet the needs of its students which includes:

- ▶ additional spending on personnel to meet ongoing CSPNE's continued growth;
- ▶ updated methods for delivering Special Education services to better meet the needs of its students;
- ▶ adjustments in accordance with provincial collective agreements;
- ▶ financial support for the *Centres d'apprentissage du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CANO) in the communities they serve;
- ▶ planning and implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programs at *École publique Odysée* (North Bay) and *École publique Renaissance* (Timmins);
- ▶ continued focus on the integration of technology within the classrooms;
- ▶ the implementation of CSPNE's new strategic plan for 2017-2021.

According to CSPNE Chairperson Denis Labelle, the proposed and approved budget reflects the Board's efficient and transparent management. "The Board's budget process is rigorous and focused on the well-being, development and success of its students and staff. "

*Promoting universal values, CSPNE covers an area of 46,453 km<sup>2</sup> and offers quality, French-language education to the communities of Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Temiskaming Shores, Sturgeon Falls and North Bay. More than 2,170 students have chosen to attend a French-language public school in Northeastern Ontario.*

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