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## ***BC students will take up the challenge of cycling for the homeless!***

**February 18, 2008 (Richmond, B.C.)** On Friday, February 22, at 9 a.m., a group of students from the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) (BC's Francophone School District, SD No 93) will hop on their bikes and take part in the very first edition of "*À vélo pour les sans-abri*" (Cycling for the homeless). The expedition will begin from the CSF board office in Richmond (10200 Shellbridge, Suite 180). This initiative, supported by the expertise of both the Cultural and Community sector of the CSF and the CLAN (Centre for Leadership and Adventure in Nature), is a mutual aid, social conscience, and outdoor activity project for students.

The project "*À vélo pour les sans-abri*", a 500 km bike ride, will begin and end in Vancouver. During the first portion of the trip, cyclists will tackle the Sunshine Coast. On their way back, they will head towards Vancouver Island and Victoria until they reach *La Boussole* community centre in Vancouver. Over the course of their journey, the cyclists will visit CSF schools located along their itinerary. These schools are located in **North Vancouver, Sechelt, Powell River, Comox, Nanaimo, Victoria, Tsawwassen and Richmond**. During their visits to these French-language institutions, they will share their research findings on homeless people, as well as their cycling experience. Students will also take advantage of their visits to raise funds for the cause they are supporting.

Participating high school students, who will benefit from the assistance and the guidance of a support group from the CSF, are committed to taking up this physical challenge and to improving the lot of homeless people by collecting funds and donations for *La Boussole* community centre, a centre which helps out needy Francophones from across British Columbia. Part of the donations raised outside of the Vancouver area will be distributed in the communities to help the homeless living elsewhere in the province.

The students selected for this project come from various programs of the CSF. They are, as follows: Mackenzie Adamson, Brooks Secondary School, **Powell River**; Samuel Daigle, and Michael Legault, Kitsilano Secondary School, **Vancouver**; Jeremy Desrochers and Julien Martin, Carihi Secondary School, **Campbell River**; as well as Kassym Dorsel and Sacha Roberts, *École L'Anse-au-sable*, **Kelowna**.

For further information on this adventure, please click on the following link: <http://cerberus.csf.bc.ca/sansabri/>.

*Since its creation in 1995, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique offers educational programs and services geared towards the growth and cultural promotion of the province's Francophone learners. An active partner in the development of British Columbia's francophone community, the Conseil has presently in its system, and distributed across 78 communities in the province, over 4,000 students and 39 schools, which includes 21 homogeneous schools.*

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