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Victor-Brodeur student to take part in international French spelling contest

February 21, 2008 (Richmond, B.C.) Marie Starck, a grade 11 student at Victoria's École Victor-Brodeur in Victoria, will find herself among some 125 finalists taking part in the 15th *Dictée des Amériques* (French spelling and grammar competition of the Americas). This activity will take place on Saturday, March 15, in the legislative hall of Québec's National Assembly.

The *Dictée des Amériques*, hosted by Stéphan Bureau, will be broadcast by Télé-Québec on Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m., and rebroadcast in Canada and elsewhere in the world by TV5.

This secondary school student will represent British Columbia in the junior division in this prestigious competition that will unite participants from some 50 countries distributed in the four following continents: Africa, Americas, Asia and Europe. They were selected from some 70 000 people around the world who, every year, take part in the world's largest French-language spelling and grammar competition.

Born in France, Marie Starck lived in Québec before moving to Victoria 18 months ago. She has prospered in the Victor-Brodeur's dynamic school community where she expects to live many more exciting experiences. The École Victor-Brodeur is one of the 39 schools managed by the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (BC's Francophone School District – SD No 93).

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 77 communities in the province, over 3,600 students and 37 schools, which includes 19 homogeneous schools.

For more information, please call Mr. Bertrand Dupain, Principal of École Victor Brodeur in Victoria, at (250) 220-6010.

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