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DE LA COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE**

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NEWS RELEASE

**Public consultation on the development of regional francophone school
in Abbotsford for the Fraser Valley**

March 5, 2008 (Richmond, B.C.) In its effort to better meet the educational needs of Francophones living in the Fraser Valley, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) (BC's Francophone School District – SD No 93) is considering the development of a regional public francophone school in Abbotsford. With a regional mandate, this school would serve the Fraser Valley. As part of this project, the CSF invites members of the Francophone community to take part in informational and consultative meetings which will be held from Monday, March 11, to Wednesday, March 13. These meetings will be conducted in French and in English.

Mr. Doug Hibbins, Trillium Business Strategies project consultant, as well as members of the CSF Executive Management will be at the meetings to present various options offered to the francophone community. These options respect the CSF strategic orientations that seek to establish regional homogeneous francophone schools. These will enhance the development of kindergarten to grade 12 programs and facilitate the growth of the francophone community through the creation of community partnerships.

Parents and members of the Francophone community are invited to take part in the following public meetings:

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

École La Vérendrye
6610 Lickman Road
Chilliwack

Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Best Western Regency Inn – Rooms A and B
32110 Marshall Road
Abbotsford

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

École des Deux-Rives
7674 Stave Lake Street
Mission

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.

Reference:

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