



## NEWS RELEASE

### A prominent Native leader shares his knowledge with CSF students

(Richmond, BC) April 3, 2008. On Wednesday, April 9, and Thursday, April 10, Conseil students, teachers and administrators from the Conseil scolaire francophone de la C.-B. (BC's Francophone School District – SD No 93) (CSF) will have the privilege of meeting Mr. Luc Lainé, a prominent First Nations leader, held in high regard in aboriginal communities in Québec and Canada. Mr. Lainé is a member and former chief of the Huron-Wendat Nation. He is Co-President of the Confederation of Nations under Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Canada, and serves on various regional and national committees. He is currently Federal Commissioner for Aboriginal Affairs to the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Québec City.

On Wednesday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mr. Lainé will facilitate an activity for CSF First Nation students in grades 6 to 12, at the UBC First Nations House of Learning. With this activity, the CSF hopes to foster a feeling of belonging and team spirit among Aboriginal Francophone youth.

On Thursday, April 10, at 10 a.m., Mr. Lainé will meet with a second group of CSF students at the Four Seasons Hotel (791 West Georgia St. in Vancouver). During this meeting, he will discuss movie production from his professional experience and address the issue of stereotypes. On the same day, at noon, the First Nations leader will deliver an address to the Canadian Club of Vancouver during its annual Francophone luncheon. The theme of the address to the Canadian Club will be: *Kanata – the true story of this country: a Native perspective*.

Luc Lainé has been a prominent leader of First Nations for the past 30 years. He was invited by the Government of Canada to take part in the last three Francophone Summits in Lebanon, Burkina Faso and Romania. Mr. Lainé is an accomplished diplomat and excellent mediator; he is known for his commitment and his wide knowledge of First Nations affairs. He is a graduate in sociology; his unique version of Canadian history is both poignant and humorous. Mr. Lainé is director of K8e K8e, Inc., a firm specializing in artistic and cultural productions, and Orihwa Inc., an Aboriginal communications and counselling service with specialized experience and understanding of issues and perspectives for First Nations in Québec and Canada.

*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 BC's francophone community, the CSF 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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