



## NEWS RELEASE

### Two Francophone students are winners in the Grand Finale of the Dictée Paul Gérin-Lajoie!

(Richmond, BC) June 2, 2008. Samya Lemrini and Keisha Champigny, both students with the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (BC's Francophone School District – SD No 93) (CSF) represented British Columbia in the finals of the international Dictée PGL. (International spelling contest) The event brought together 107 contestants, aged 10 to 12 (grades 5 and 6) in Québec City on May 18.

Samya Lemrini, in grade 6 at École des Pionniers de Maillardville (Port Coquitlam), won the Western regional final for B.C. of the Dictée PGL, and Keisha Champigny, in grade 6 at École Mer et montagne (Campbell River), won the regional final for Vancouver Island.

Samya Lemrini won top honours in the competition with the best score for the Western Provinces and Territories. Samya placed with the five top regional winners in the Francophone category.

The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dictée PGL attracted 208,000 children from over 1,200 Canadian schools. For the past 16 years, the Paul-Gérin Lajoie Foundation has organized this linguistic challenge for young students from Canada, the United States and Senegal.

*Created in 1995, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique offers educational programs and services aimed at fostering the growth and cultural identity 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, of which 21 are homogeneous schools.*

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