



NEWS RELEASE

The way to success for tomorrow's student

(Richmond, BC) November 19, 2008. On Friday, November 21, teachers, support staff, and school principals of the *Conseil scolaire francophone de Colombie-Britannique* (BC's Francophone School District – S.D. No. 93) will gather at École Gabrielle-Roy, in Surrey (6887 – 132nd Street) for a provincial professional development day entitled *Culture, technologie et pédagogie : la route de la réussite pour l'élève de demain* (Culture, technology and pedagogy: the way to success for tomorrow's student). The event, *Rond-Point 2008*, which will bring together attendants from all over the province, is part of the *Pédagogie 2010* initiative.

At 9:30 a.m., the keynote speaker, Mr. Ronald Canuel, will make a presentation entitled *L'élève de demain (Tomorrow's Student)*. Much has been written on tomorrow's learner. Everyone has an opinion on the subject but who can formulate an exact response? Nonetheless, important questions need to be raised: What will tomorrow's learner be like and how will he think? In what kind of society will he live and work? What will the school system be like? Will instructional approaches be adapted? Mr. Canuel will provide some responses to these questions as well as describe two related issues of great importance: relevance and commitment.

Superintendent of the Eastern Townships School Board since 1999, Mr. Canuel has considerable relevant experience as teacher, coordinator, vice principal, principal, director, and director of Human Resources with the former Greater Montreal Protestant School Board and with the English Montreal School Board. During his three-year term as vice principal of an inner city high school, he developed alternative strategies aimed at reducing violence in schools and at creating safer learning environments for the students.

In 2006, the Canadian Association of School Administrators presented Ronald Canuel with the National - EXL Award. This national award was bestowed upon him in recognition of both his excellence and his leadership in the field of education with his exemplary initiative of improved instructional approaches.

Rond-Point 2008, is organized by the joint committee of the *Syndicat des enseignantes et enseignants du programme francophone de la Colombie-Britannique* (British Columbia's French Program Teachers' Union), Local 4227 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, and the CSF (School District No. 93). For further information on *Rond-Point 2008*, please see the website: <http://bctf.ca/local93/>.

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 4,200 students and 40 schools, of which 23 are homogeneous schools.

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