



## NEWS RELEASE

### Register your child in a Francophone School

#### Information sessions to take place BC Francophone schools on February 11-12

**January 15, 2009 (Richmond, B.C.)** Parents wishing to explore the benefits of French public education are invited to visit any of the schools of the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (B.C.'s Francophone School District, SD No. 93). The schools, located across British Columbia, will host information sessions on Wednesday, February 11, and Thursday, February 12. This event will be of interests to parents with children born in 2004 who will be attending school in September 2009.

All parents who wish to explore the many benefits of a French education for their children, and their families as a whole, are invited. The benefits of attending a CSF school are many, and include: full-time kindergarten, safe to-and-from school bus transport, full special needs programs, intensive French language instruction, a quality English language program, laptops for students in grades 4-10 and an environment that nurtures and promotes a sense of Francophone culture and identity. This is not an immersion program; it is a French first-language school almost identical to what is offered in Quebec.

Canadian citizens and landed immigrants are eligible for the Francophone program if they meet at least one of the following conditions: your first language learned and still understood is French; you received your primary school instruction in Canada in French (excluding French immersion); and you have a child who has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in Canada in French (excluding French immersion).

For more information, please call the Conseil scolaire francophone de la C.-B. (CSF) (BC's Francophone School District - School District No. 93) at (614) 214-2600 in Vancouver or toll free at 1 (888) 715-2200, or visit the website [www.csf.bc.ca](http://www.csf.bc.ca).

*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 4,200 students and 40 schools, which includes 23 homogeneous schools.*

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