



## NEWS RELEASE

### Title of École des Pionniers de Maillardville officially transferred to the Francophone School District

**(Richmond, BC) February 25, 2009.** Ms. Marie Bourgeois, President of the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) (BC's Francophone School District – SD No. 93) Board of Trustees, is pleased to announce that title for École des Pionniers de Maillardville was recently officially transferred to the CSF. By obtaining title, the CSF becomes legal owner of the school as well as the property on which it is located.

Since its creation in 1995, the CSF has wanted to acquire a permanent site that would ensure the growth of a Francophone school in the Maillardville region. It is thus that the CSF procured Terry Fox Secondary School, located at 3550 Wellington Street in Port Coquitlam, from the Coquitlam School District. While the CSF had acquired the school and the land, title had never been transferred.

By obtaining title, the CSF reinforces its Francophone program. There were 104 students when École des Pionniers de Maillardville opened in 1996. This number has risen to 402 in September 2008 and includes a large number of high school students. With its regional mandate, this school provides service to students coming from Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby, New Westminster, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

*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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