



## NEWS RELEASE

### Bilingual Citizenship Ceremony at École Gabrielle-Roy

**(Richmond, BC) March 3, 2009.** It is with great pride that École Gabrielle-Roy, one of the schools of the Conseil scolaire francophone de la C.-B. (British Columbia's Francophone School District, S D No. 93) (CSF), in conjunction with the Association francophone de Surrey (Surrey's Francophone Association) (AFS), will host a bilingual citizenship ceremony on Friday, March 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. The provincial event, coordinated by the Agence francophone pour l'accueil des immigrants (Francophone association for assistance to immigrants) (AFAI), will be held in the theatre at École Gabrielle-Roy (6887 132<sup>nd</sup> St. in Surrey).

About 40 new Canadian citizens from several different countries will take part in the swearing-in ceremony. The media is invited to attend. The ceremony will be followed by refreshments in the school library.

This activity is especially important for École Gabrielle-Roy and the CSF, in view of the wide diversity of its student population. In fact, the CSF is considered one of the most culturally diverse Francophone school boards in Canada. The CSF serves a heterogeneous population with origins in more than 70 countries and who, all together, speak about 60 languages.

Multicultural coexistence, which is a source of enrichment for CSF students, is representative of the cultural reality of British Columbia and the international Francophonie.

*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 stand-alone schools.*

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