



## NEWS RELEASE

### Recruitment campaign for BC's Francophone Virtual School

**Richmond, B.C. (May 7, 2009)** During the month of April, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) (BC's Francophone School District – SD No 93) launched its campaign to recruit students for its École Virtuelle (virtual school) intended for the province's Francophone cyberstudents. This CSF initiative conforms to the Ministry of Education's new flexible approach made available to students who wish to study online.

Created in 2007, the Francophone virtual school is growing in leaps and bounds. In fact, starting in September 2009, it will offer over 25 courses for Grades 8 to 12. Students may choose two types of courses: the hybrid model featuring synchronous meetings with the instructor who is always available, and the asynchronous model where the teacher is available for questions and help.

The majority of courses will follow a linear calendar (September to June). New courses will be offered next year, including Radio and Communication 11 (linear) and Planning 10 (linear)

Thanks to this new flexibility in online instruction, the Conseil scolaire francophone can offer online courses to students from immersion and English-language schools but who otherwise qualify for Francophone schools. The new flexibility has been very beneficial for the CSF as it leads to an increase in the number of learners studying online in French. It also ensures greater access to Francophone education throughout the province.

Students wishing to obtain more information on courses, information sessions and registration should visit the Virtual School's website at: [ecolevirtuelle.csf.bc.ca](http://ecolevirtuelle.csf.bc.ca).

*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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