



New Francophone School in Vancouver

The government of British Columbia will finance a new French-language elementary school to be built in South East False Creek. This new school will offer educational programming in the French language for up to 390 children, from kindergarten to grade six, and provide much needed class room space for the children of the French-speaking community members in the Vancouver area West of Main Street.

“The school will be a state-of-the-art facility that will be designed to the highest standards of sustainability”, according to Raymond Ouimet, president of the CSF. Mr. Ouimet further explained that “The French-language school board, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF), will continue its consultation with the Ministry of Education, the City of Vancouver, the Francophone community and other community partners to finalize the planning for this facility.”

The CSF intends to continue its efforts to secure the infrastructure funding it requires to implement its constitutional and statutory mission. The CSF has other pressing infrastructure needs throughout the province, including still unfulfilled needs in the Vancouver area.

All public French-language schools in British Columbia are managed by the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique. The CSF is a public school district that covers all of the province. Since its inception in 1995, the CSF has offered programs and educational services enhancing the full development and linguistic and cultural identify of French-speaking learners in the province.

Enrolment in the CSF for 2011-12 is 4,607 students, a two per cent increase over the last year and more than a 60% increase over the last decade.

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