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Superintendent's Farewell Message!



Only a few weeks before my time at the CSNO comes to an end! As I look back over my career in education which I started in New Brunswick thirty-eight years ago, I realize many chapters and experiences eventually led me to St. Isidore, for my final chapter in education as Superintendent of Schools, as I will be retiring as of April 30th!

In May 2010, I accepted the CSNO's challenge to take on the leadership of the School Board and its' three schools. My mandate? Increase the visibility of the CSNO; increase enrollment in our Francophone schools; promote and defend high quality francophone education, ensure academic success for all students and become an ambassador for CSNO, par excellence.

Over the past five years, I had the pleasure of working with a great team, devoted to the CSNO's educational project and the development of the Francophone community. Principals, teachers and support staff, your efforts and commitment are at the heart of each school's success – thank you and congratulations!

I would also like to thank the Trustees (three different Boards!) with whom I had the privilege of working. Their confidence and vision allowed me to implement and establish a number of initiatives. Of course, I cannot complete my message without sharing my deep appreciation and respect for the central office administrative staff, without whom I would not have been able to execute my role as Superintendent.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire community for the warm welcome and amazing vitality. This final chapter was most dynamic and interesting! I wish madame Kropielnicki all the best in her new role as Acting Superintendent and bid you all farewell and a very wonderful end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Marcel Lizotte, Superintendent of Schools

Message from the NEW Acting Superintendent

Time flies! When my appointment as Acting Superintendent was announced in February, May 1st seemed very far away! However, as I had the opportunity to mentor with Mr. Lizotte, I'm ready to assume the leadership and management of the School Board. I would like to thank Mr. Lizotte for his support in recent weeks. For those who have had the chance to meet him, you've probably noticed that he loves his job and that all decisions were for the success and well-being of our students. YES! Mr. Lizotte does have our students at heart!



As my one-year term begins, I am honored and excited to be part of a dynamic team which is dedicated to ensuring that all our students receive quality French education. A very warm thank you to parents, students, school staff, community members and School Board Trustees; because of you, our Francophone schools are growing and reflecting the passion our Francophone minority communities. Together we will achieve our goals! According to Henry Ford, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." I think we're already on the right track for more successes!

TO REGISTER:

Registration Forms are available on our websites in French and English.

For more information on registration during the summer break, please contact the school board office.

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News and Initiatives

Budget 2015-2016 - IMPACTS

Like other school boards in Alberta, the recent budget cuts imposed by the Government of Alberta (GOA) will greatly affect the CSNO's resources. Among the cuts, the following will have the greatest impact:

- Elimination of funding for new students (in September 2015) and the CSNO expects an increase of 4 to 6%!
- Reduction of 3.1% of non-teaching salary expenses, i.e. support staff, francisation, transportation, small schools, inclusive education, etc.

Essentially, the School Board will need to make important decisions regarding a funding shortfall of about \$350,000 - \$400,000.

During this time of provincial elections, the School Board strongly encourages parents and the community to clearly express their displeasure with the budget, as well as their rights to quality education and adequate resources to meet the needs of all students.

Preschool Program 2015-2016

The registration cost of kindergarten in 2015-2016 will be the same as in 2014-2015:

- EQV and EH - \$ 800 for the year for 4 half-days per week;
- ENF - \$ 1,000 for the year for 5 half days a week.

A reminder that the CSNO will cover the School Fees for parents who enroll a child, having attended a CSNO preschool, in kindergarten, then 1st and 2nd grades in successive years.

Please register now, space is limited!!

Nicaragua 2015

A record number of participants (14 students and 7 accompanying adults) from École Heritage and Nouvelle Frontière went to San Benito, Nicaragua, for a humanitarian experience from April 2 to 14, 2015. The group raised 8,000\$ to help the Fundacco Foundation and prepared more than 350 gift bags for students of San Benito.

Youth and adults had the opportunity to live with local families, share their activities and enjoy their warm welcome.

Thank you and congratulations to the organizers and participants for their commitment and dedication!

2015 CSNO graduates!

There will be two graduation ceremonies:

- École Héritage : May 23rd at the Centre Chevalier in Falher



- École Nouvelle Frontière : June 6th at ÉNF in Grande Prairie.

BACK to SCHOOL 2015-2016

August 26th: Teaching Staff 1st Day
September 1st: Students 1st Day

2015-2016 CALENDARS

are available on the website!

NEWS:

- CSNO appoints Acting Superintendent, Mrs. Brigitte Kropielnicki – May 1st 2015 to April 30th, 2016!
- Mr. Lizotte is retiring after 5 years as Superintendent of the CSNO and 38 years of service in education!!
- New Principal and Vice-Principal at École Nouvelle Frontière (ÉNF) for 2015-2016.
- ÉNF modernization set to begin at the end of May with the move of the junior high portable classrooms.
- **Reminder:** The entry age for kindergarten is now **5 years on or before December 31st**, (parents of children who turn 5 between December 31 and March 1 *may* make a special request to the principal).

Bus Transportation



Transportation services are offered free of charge for all students from Kindergarten to

Grade 12. Preschool transportation is provided to Preschool students in the mornings only. Parents are responsible for transportation home. Please inform the school about changes to your regular route.

For more information, please contact 1-866-624-8855.

CONGRATULATIONS!



ÉQV received a GOLD banner for their project "Books around the World" from "ACELF Actifs & Fiers" contest. This is their 2nd win in two years. An award ceremony will take place on May 7th with the leaders of ACELF and the school community.



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Mrs. Nicole Chenier, ÉNF preschool educator, received an award of excellence for pre-kindergarten instruction from the FPFA (Federation of francophone parents of Alberta)!



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Be it in volleyball or badminton, Héritage LYNX have accumulated an impressive collection of medals and trophies!



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