



# Board Highlights

## Regular Meeting of the Board

December 15, 2009

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### **Budget 2009-2010**

The Board approved the revised budget for the 2009-2010 school year. This budget forecast calls for \$35,931,694 in revenues and \$7,305,641 in expenditures. Thus, the Board projects a deficit of \$1,373,957.

### **Annual report 2008-2009**

The Board approved the Annual Education Results Report 2008-2009. It will be submitted to the Ministry according to the ministerial regulation and district policy. It is available on our website.

### **Ad hoc consultative committee on casinos**

Centre-Nord's catholic Board will form an ad hoc consultative committee consisting of trustees, representatives of parent councils and societies, and others appointed to study the implications of the directive from the Archdiocese of Edmonton regarding funds collected and received by schools from casino revenue. The committee will consult the Francophone parents' association, members of the school councils and parent societies, experts and parents to evaluate the impact of eliminating casino revenue for its 11 catholic schools. The committee will consist of Chair Claude Duret, Trustees Martin Blanchet and Paul Dumont, Superintendent Henri Lemire, as well as 4 or 5 other members. The committee will present its report and recommendations to the Board on April 13, 2010.

### **La Cité francophone lease renewal**

Superintendent Henri Lemire reported that negotiations are concluded and that he

signed a new lease on behalf of Centre-Nord. The main elements are: a three-year lease with two one-year extensions as of January 1, 2010; includes all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor as well as the offices currently housed by the Institut Guy-Lacombe de la famille, L'UniThéâtre and Transportation offices; option to buy 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors in Phase I of La Cité.

### **Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Award (MELRA)**

For the third year, the Minister of Education, represented by Janice Sarich, presented a certificate to school authorities for their performance in eight areas. For year 2008-2009, Centre-Nord received these distinctions: "Excellence" for Diploma examination results; "Excellence" for Diploma exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams); "Excellence" in practical Arts; "Improvement" in practical Arts.

### **2010-2011 school calendar**

The Board received a draft of the 2010-2011 school calendar.

### **Council for francophone catholic education (CÉFFA)**

The Conseil scolaire Centre-Est is back at the CÉFFA table, however, the St. Paul diocese has chosen not to join the organization. Consequently, the partners representing school authorities and francophone parishes are the four francophone authorities that operate catholic schools as well as the Edmonton and Grouard archdioceses.

**École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)**

Renovations are complete and the Youville Centre location passed final inspection. Students and staff will occupy the building beginning January 4.

**Superintendent's report**

Congratulations to École Desrochers' grade 9 students in Kim Wallace's English class who won a national environmental competition hosted by the David Suzuki Foundation. They created a five-minute video in which they address Prime Minister Harper and

encourage him to take a firm stand on environmental protection at the Climate Summit in Copenhagen. Internet users voted for their video presentation which can be seen at <http://beta.davidsuzuki.org/share/call-the-pm/students-represent-the-voiceless>.

**Next Board meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at École Alexandre-Taché on Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m.



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