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FIRST GRAD CLASS AT ÉCOLE PUBLIQUE GABRIELLE-ROY!

EDMONTON, June 8, 2009 – June 13 will mark the start of official celebrations for the first ever graduate class at École publique Gabrielle-Roy! Nine graduates make up the Grad 2009 class of the only francophone public (non-denominational) school in Edmonton to offer schooling from kindergarten to grade 12.

Since its inception, Gabrielle-Roy school has grown in leaps and bounds. From 35 students in 1997, the school now welcomes close to 350 students with an increase of 55% in 2006-2007 alone. School principal, Jean-Daniel Tremblay, is especially proud of these graduates: "These students are truly pioneers of the francophone public education in Edmonton".

One of the graduates, Kamal Touisse, has been selected to receive one of the University of Alberta's most valuable and prestigious scholarships, A Chancellor's Entrance Citation, valued at \$19,000 over four years. This scholarship program recognizes students who achieve an academic average of 95% or higher throughout high school. It is but one of many distinctions for this student who will be studying at Campus Saint-Jean in September in order to pursue a career in medicine.

The Greater North Central Francophone School Board (*Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord*) congratulates all graduates of the Class of '09 at Gabrielle-Roy and wishes them great success in all future endeavours!

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