



École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif (Sherwood Park)

Edmonton, April 20, 2016 – On April 19, the Greater North Central Francophone Education Authority (CSCN) officially adopted the name “**École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif**” for École francophone de Sherwood Park.

The trustees are grateful for the work undertaken by the school committee in identifying a good number of excellent names to be considered by the Board.

The trustees wanted to highlight the exceptional work and contributions made by Claudette Tardif and Denis Tardif in the field of francophone and French immersion education in Alberta and Canada.

Claudette Tardif is well-known as a leader of linguistic rights and of Canadian official language communities, as well as her dedication to elementary, secondary and postsecondary education. Mrs. Tardif was born in Westlock (Alberta) and taught in French immersion for nearly 10 years. She then became a French-language professor for 18 years and the Dean of Campus St-Jean for eight years, and vice-president (external relations) at the University of Alberta. Claudette Tardif was appointed to the Senate in 2005. In 2007, she was named Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. Mrs. Tardif is currently chair of the Standing Committee on Official Languages. Her career is evidenced by way of numerous prestigious distinctions and awards, such as l'[Ordre des francophones d'Amérique](#) (2011) and the Officier de la Légion d'honneur française (2016).

Denis Tardif was a teacher at École JH Picard (when it was located in now École Maurice-Lavallée). He served as Assistant Director of Alberta Education's French Language Services Branch. He held the position of Executive Director and President of the provincial French-Canadian Association of Alberta (ACFA). In the early 1990s, he headed a provincial consultation process and study that became the foundation of francophone school governance. Mr. Tardif was also the first chair of the Greater North Central Francophone Education Authority from 1994 to 1999, and eventually became the first Executive Director of the Francophone Secretariat with the Government of Alberta.

In honor of their multiple outstanding achievements, CSCN is proud to name the school in Sherwood Park “**École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif**”.

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