

Retiring superintendent's last run

Edmonton, June 20, 2016 – As a special farewell to a long career in education, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord's superintendent of schools, Henri Lemire, who is retiring on July 31 after a 42-year career, will experience the pleasure of driving a school bus... for his grandson.

Mr. Lemire will pick up his grandson, Quade, in Sherwood Park the morning of June 22, and drive him to his school, École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif located in the Bonnie Doon area of Edmonton. Mr. Lemire will drive his grandson's regular bus route thanks to the cooperation of First Student, a major transportation provider. The bus route departs in rural Strathcona County at 7:25 am and his grandson's bus stop is on Foxboro Drive Westbound at 8:13 am.

Henri Lemire will meet with staff at First Student on June 21 for orientation and to review safety measures and the itinerary.

"I am most grateful to First Student for facilitating what will undoubtedly be a wonderful surprise for my 7 year-old grandchild and a memorable event to punctuate my 25 years as superintendent of schools in Alberta", says Henri Lemire.

Henri Lemire has been the superintendent of schools for Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (CSCN) for 20 years. Prior to joining CSCN, he was the deputy superintendent then superintendent for 11 years with Lakeland Catholic Schools in Bonnyville where he began teaching in 1974. Originally from Falher, Alberta, Henri Lemire spent the better part of his career opening francophone schools and defending the right of Francophones to access quality schools and programming in Alberta.

Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord was created in 1994 and provides French first-language education to over 3,200 students in 19 schools in Beaumont, Camrose, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Jasper, Legal, Lloydminster, Red Deer, Sherwood Park, St. Albert and Wainwright.

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