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### Inauguration of École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif

**Edmonton, April 25th, 2017** – Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (CSCN) Board members are pleased to announce the inauguration of École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif, the only kindergarten to grade 6 Francophone school in Strathcona County. A formal ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 PM** at the school located at 10 Hawkins Crescent in Sherwood Park.

The school is named for Senator Claudette Tardif and her spouse, Denis Tardif. The name was chosen to highlight their work in promoting and defending language rights, and their important contributions to the development of the community and to the education sector: “Alberta’s Francophone community has benefited and continues to benefit from their commitment and ongoing support.” says Michel Lapointe, the school’s principal. “Their pride and their determination serve as models for all those who embark on this journey of community development and this deserves to be recognized.” he concludes.

Several distinguished guests are expected to attend this event including Senator, Claudette Tardif and her spouse, Mr. Denis Tardif, MLA for Sherwood Park, Mrs. Annie McKittrick, MLA for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, Ms. Estefania Cortes-Vargas, the city councillor, Mr. Vic Bidzinski, CSCN Board Chair, Mrs. Nathalie Lachance, President of *Association canadienne-française de l’Alberta*, Mr. Jean Johnson, and Chair of *Fédération des parents francophones de l’Alberta*, Mrs. Claudine Lajoie.

#### About École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif

École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif is a kindergarten to grade 6 public Francophone school with 87 students currently enrolled and is growing. The school has chosen a peacock as its logo. First, this proud animal symbolizes the nature and fauna that are found within the school zone. Second, the body and wings of the peacock form a *fleur-de-lys* as a reminder that Francophone education strengthens a student’s cultural and linguistic identity. Finally, the bird’s bright colours, rounded lines and stance reflect the dynamism of the school and its community.

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