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## Official Opening of École Michaelle-Jean!



**Edmonton, March 27, 2017** — School trustees of Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (CSCN) are pleased to announce the official opening of École Michaëlle-Jean in Edmonton. The event will take place on Friday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m., in the school gymnasium (10005 – 84 street NW).

In 2015-16, the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord decided to divide École Gabrielle-Roy, which was almost at capacity, and create a new francophone public high school in Edmonton. The principal of this school, Ms. Sylvie Dassylva, says that "this change became necessary due to increasing enrolment over the last few years. École Gabrielle Roy was overflowing, and that's why the new site was essential to meet the needs of students at all levels."

Honoured guests at the ceremony will include Ms. Linda Duncan, MP for Edmonton-Strathcona; the Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education and MLA for Edmonton-Gold Bar; the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Leduc-Beaumont; Ms. Natalie Lachance, CSCN Chair; Mister Jean Johnson, President of Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta; Ms. Claudine Lajoie, Chair of Fédération des Parents Francophones de l'Alberta.

## About École Michaelle-Jean

École Michaëlle-Jean is a francophone public high school that welcomes 222 students for the 2016-17 school year. The school has chosen as its logo a multi-coloured globe adorned with the fleur-de-lys to represent the values of the school, which are inclusion, respect and openness to the world. The fleur-de-lys is there to remind us that Francophonie is a worldwide movement, and that École Michaëlle-Jean embraces all the diversity that is found within the school walls.

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