



The Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY) is the only school board in the Yukon. It has been in existence since 1996. It is responsible for providing



French First-Language education throughout the territory. Three programs are currently offered by the CSFY: Elementary (École Émilie-Tremblay, K4 to grade 6), Secondary (Académie Parhémie, grades 7 to 12) and Home schooling (École Nomade, grades 1 to 12).

About the joint settlement committees

Following the Supreme Court of Canada ruling in the spring of 2015, a judge was appointed to start the proceedings for a new trial between the Government of Yukon and the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY). Both parties asked that all proceedings be put on hold to allow a newly created settlement committee to come to agreement on unresolved issues. Negotiations are ongoing.

A construction sub-committee is negotiating the construction of a Francophone Secondary School Community Centre, with representatives from the Department of Education, the Department of Highways and Public Works, the CSFY and l'Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY).

The current proposal is to build a high school for 200 students for grades 7 to 12, with community facilities such as a flexible theatre space with seating for 250 people

Why does Yukon need a francophone secondary school?

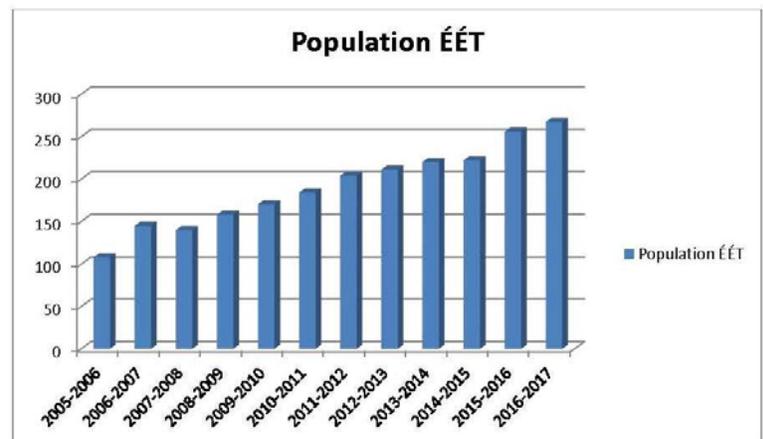
A Francophone Secondary School is necessary because of the tremendous growth in the student population at École Émilie-Tremblay (ÉÉT).

The school is full and has had to convert all of its specialized spaces into classrooms and offices. Even with

the recent addition of portable classrooms, there is no longer adequate room for a high school at École Émilie-Tremblay (ÉÉT).

Based on students who are currently enrolled at ÉÉT, the following number of students will reach the secondary level in the near future:

- In the 2021-2022 school year, there will be 149 students in grades 7 to 12.
- In the 2024-2025 school year, there will be 172 students in grades 7 to 12.



Enrollment growth at EET and projection for 2016-2017

Why don't the high school students move to French Immersion at F.H. Collins?

The program offered by the CSFY is a French First-Language program that teaches the language at a more advanced level. There is also an important component to build a strong cultural identity in our students.

Why doesn't EET turn away students if it is full?

The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* gives the right to French or English-speaking minority communities to be educated in their own language throughout the country. The CSFY must accept all right holders since they have a legal right to receive their education in French as a first language.

Why is the proposed location for this new school in Riverdale?

The proposed site on the Riverdale Education Land Reserve will save a lot of money in construction costs. Students at these schools will be able to share facilities, including the track and field, bus drop-off zone and technical education wing. The neighbouring schools and residents of Riverdale will also benefit from access to the planned community theater and full-size gymnasium in the new school.

How will this affect traffic on the bridge to Riverdale?

Yukon government is conducting a study on the possible traffic impacts and is working with the City of Whitehorse to address any traffic issues. Options such as adjusting the start times for the school day to avoid peak traffic times are being considered.

Why do we want to add a theater and other community facilities to this school?

Following consultations with the Francophone community and other potential user groups, a clear need has been established for a mid-size theatre facility in Whitehorse.

This theater along with other community spaces in the new school will offer additional facilities to the francophone community and other interested user groups for their events and programs.

Significant funding is available through the federal government to support these additions to the new school. We are currently applying for this funding from Canadian Heritage to include these facilities.

What is the timeline for the project?

We are still in the early stages of the project and the timeline is not yet set. We plan to share a proposed construction schedule in the summer of 2016.

What will this project cost?

We plan to share a proposed budget in the summer of 2016.

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