

Message from the President

Dear education partners, parents, staff and community members,

This annual report on the 2021-2022 school year allows us to recognize all the efforts which the Yukon Francophone School Board (Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon – CSFY) has made in order to meet the strategic priorities of its mandate. This report is also an opportunity for me to highlight how the trustees have contributed to the CSFY’s successes.

Throughout the year, the trustees have fulfilled their administrative duties. They were also able to ensure that the limits imposed by the CSFY’s own governance model were fully respected. In doing so, they took into account the various compliance reports submitted by the Executive Director as well as the results of surveys led by the CSFY. The trustees also carried out their mandate through the work of the Executive Director’s evaluation committee.

In addition, the trustees made a significant effort to increase their understanding of academic data. Their goal was to have a better sense of which resources should be deployed to support students following the pandemic. To this end, the trustees tasked the Executive Director with creating a student exit profile committee. This new standing committee will allow the trustees to have a better understanding of the academic development of the students.

2021-2022 was also a year marked by several follow-ups with regard to the implementation of the settlement agreement signed with the Yukon Government in March 2020. The trustees are mindful of their fiduciary role with regard to the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and thus ensuring that the 2020 agreement on full school governance is implemented in its entirety. To date, the implementation process is not yet fully complete.

This year, the trustees took concrete action to ensure that the language rights of right-holder families in Dawson City are respected. Based on the data and information gathered about Dawson City’s Francophone community, in early 2022 the trustees ordered the Executive Director to make every effort possible to establish a French first language elementary school program there. The trustees were pleased by the Minister of Education’s quick response about pursuing the development of the Dawson City Francophone school project. The trustees reiterated their wish to have this project based on respect for the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in First Nation within whose territory Dawson City lies. In the spring, the trustees held a public meeting in Dawson City to become better acquainted with the families interested in the project.

Our commitment to working together with the Yukon First Nations has also been realized through our collaboration with the *Yukon First Nation Education Directorate* (YFNED). We were delighted with the results of the referendum held to determine which schools would join the First Nation School Board and have expressed our desire to continue our collaboration with this school board's trustees once they have been elected in November 2022.

With regard to the Francophone community, the trustees have continued to participate in various meetings of the Yukon Francophone Community Leaders Roundtable (Table des leaders de la francophonie du Yukon). Last July, the CSFY presented its priorities regarding the next Action Plan for Official Languages to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Official Languages, in particular an increase in funding for the Official Languages in Education Program (OLEP). At the national level, although my term as vice-president for the National Federation of Francophone School Councils (Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones – FNCSF) for the Western and Northern region ended in August 2021, I have continued to actively participate in the FNCSF, particularly with the preparations for the annual conference which will be held in Whitehorse in October 2022.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the CSFY team for their professionalism and dedication. I thank the trustees for their advice, their insight and their commitment to the sound governance of the CSFY. Thank you to our Executive Director, who is wholly dedicated to the success of our students, the respect of our rights and the development of our community. Finally, thank you to all the community members who have believed in this team of trustees for the past three years. Given that this will be the last report before the November 2022 general election, I wish you a good school election and the best of success to the next team of trustees.

Sincerely,

Jean-Sébastien Blais, President