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Establishment of the First Nations School Board

The Yukon Francophone School Board (Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY)) is pleased with the results of the vote to create a First Nations School Board.

This school board is a long-awaited initiative supported by our school community. It will enable Yukon First Nations to meet a critical need to preserve their languages, culture and heritage. It will ensure the conservation of their knowledge and also ensure that students can count on an education system that meets their needs and their visions of the world.

For the CSFY, giving back the power to manage education to the First Nations is one more step towards reconciliation and respect for their rights and traditions.

The CSFY supports their process and wishes them much success for generations to come.

Quote

« This is a historic moment for all of the Yukon! This new school board can count on our support and expertise. We would like to reiterate that we are ready to accompany them as needed in the next steps in order to contribute to reconciliation. The CSFY was established in 1996 and has developed its leadership and vision with the experience and commitment of many dedicated trustees over the years. We know this is just the beginning for this First Nations School Board and there is still a lot of work to do. We wish them great success. » Jean-Sébastien Blais, President, CSFY

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