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CPF Works with ECSD to Improve French Immersion in Catholic Schools

ECSD's Community consultation listened to CPF and Edmonton Catholic Schools' parents.

Canadian Parents for French Edmonton Catholic Chapter is very pleased with the approval of the results of the Edmonton Catholic Schools French Immersion Community Consultation by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees listened to our parents' input and moved forward with the recommendations on both proposals.

(http://ecsd.net/news_releases/2012/Fr_Meeting_jan_30/News%20Release%20on%20Future%20of%20French%20Immersion%20January%2030%202012.pdf)

CPF Edmonton Catholic member, Carole Anctil-Michalysyn, says “We are pleased with and support the Board of Trustees' approval of the six recommendations that came out of the community consultation process. The six recommendations show the District's commitment to the future of a quality French Immersion program in Edmonton Catholic Schools.”

The decision to maintain École J.H. Picard School in its current location not only keeps it in the heart of the Bonnie Doon community, but keeps it close to Edmonton's centre of French culture and language.

CPF is also encouraged that the Board is working to improve the access to quality French Immersion programs for all of their students. The continuation of the program at Archbishop O'Leary and the expansion of a program into Archbishop MacDonald High School will allow more access to the program by more students. We look forward to having continued discussions with the Board about the future of inclusive Catholic French Immersion in Edmonton.

Canadian Parents for French is the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. There are currently 26,000 members across Canada and more than 3,400 in Alberta.

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