

Message from the Executive Director

I am pleased to present the CSFY's 2020-2021 annual report highlighting the four domains of our strategic plan: our students, our education, our promotion and visibility and our leadership.

First, I would like to congratulate the school principals and staff members for their adaptation and perseverance in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. They were able to support students by providing them with a quality education, despite the challenges and restrictions in place. I also want to thank our students and parents for all their efforts and support during this difficult time.

While we had 339 students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year, we notice a marked increase for the coming year with 377 students enrolled in our three schools. This represents an increase of 9%. For our high school program, I would like to point out that following an increase of 39% last year, we have a 41% increase in enrollment at CSSC Mercier for the year to come.

Despite it being a different year, elementary and secondary students had the opportunity to accomplish great successes and great projects. For high school students, we would like to highlight the participation in the Franco-Canadian Parliament of the North and West (virtual edition), two students were selected to represent the Yukon during the Festival international de la chanson de Granby, and the theatrical performance Notre Dame de Paris presented at CSSC Mercier. In elementary school, outdoor activities and activities via Zoom allowed our students to experience a week of literacy, bike workshops, the celebration of learning, outdoor camps, etc. Congratulations also to our students from grades 1 to 6 who participated in arctic sports! A special thank you to our teachers for organizing the logistics of the various sports that took place during the physical education classes. We were the only elementary school to participate.

The year 2020-2021 highlights the recognition of three teachers for their years of loyal service: Clémence Roy (25 years), Geneviève Tremblay (15 years) and Annie Cloutier (10 years). In addition, Louise Fallon and Marie Daubigeon have left us for a well-deserved retirement.

The CSFY team, including former trustees, received the "Exceptional Commitment" award from the Association franco-yukonnaise. This award recognizes the achievement of a settlement with the Government of Yukon for school governance and the opening of CSSC Mercier. In addition, Sophie Molgat, a student at CSSC Mercier, won the "Volunteer of the Year" award for her remarkable commitment, which has contributed to the vitality of the francophone community.

It is important to note that in Whitehorse, we were the only school that was able to offer full-time in-person learning for our students in grades 10 to 12 for the entire school year. This was possible because we quickly coordinated the rental and installation of additional spaces during the summer. In fact, students in grades 9 through 12 were located in temporary classrooms in the NVD Place building for the start of the school year.

The long-awaited opening of the CSSC Mercier took place on November 13, 2020. 86 students walked through the doors that day. Opening the school was one of our priorities this past year.

We worked and collaborated on the progress of the project, the purchase of furniture and equipment, the staffing as well as the move while the school year was underway. I would like to thank all the staff involved in this big transition.

I would also like to acknowledge the participation of the Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) in this project. From its inception, AFY has supported French-language education projects in the Yukon, and it has been an important partner for the high school project. In fact, Roch Nadon represented AFY on the construction committee in its early days to promote the needs of the Yukon Francophonie for community spaces. I therefore salute the efforts of AFY, and I thank Mr. Nadon for all his work on this project. Mr. Nadon is changing course in his career and has just left AFY. On behalf of the CSFY, I want to thank him for his years of service and wish him well with all of his future endeavors.

Following a call for tenders, the firm Alegria Consultation was recruited to conduct a survey of the 2018-2023 strategic plan with students in grades 4 to 12, parents, staff, trustees, and stakeholders. This annual assessment allows the CSFY to evaluate its progress towards achieving the objectives related to each of the four domains of its strategic plan.

The 2020 edition of the French Book Fair was a great success. We were able to use the CSSC Mercier spaces and we broke sales records! Thank you to the organizing committee made up of passionate CSFY employees who make this great community event possible.

The CSFY is also proud of the success of the game library 'Ludothèque'! The Ludothèque was created thanks to a partnership between the CSFY, the Garderie du petit cheval blanc and les essentielles which the AFY and the PCS joined. All members of the community can borrow games in French for free. To date, 91 families are registered for a total of 262 users since each family member can have their own account. Since the opening of the Ludothèque, 617 loans have been made. Congratulations to the staff of the CSFY and the Garderie du petit cheval blanc who have made the Ludothèque such a success.

During the year, we continued our extensive involvement in local and national organizations, such as the Table des leaders de la francophonie du Yukon, the Partenariat communautaire en éducation, the Table en petite enfance, and the Regroupement national des directions générales de l'éducation, among others.

I would like to point out that École Émilie-Tremblay is celebrating its 25th anniversary in September 2021. In fact, the building on Falcon Drive opened in September 1996. We hope to be able to mark this anniversary during the school year!

In closing, I would like to inform you that our annual report will be available online later in September. As you read it, I hope you can appreciate all the changes, innovations, projects and efforts that we have put in place to ensure the success and well-being of our students.

Regards, Marc Champagne, Executive Director