

## Message from the Executive Director

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It is my pleasure to present to you the 2021-2022 CSFY Annual Report, which highlights the four axes of our strategic plan: our students, our education, our promotion and visibility and our leadership.

We have made it through a second year of the pandemic, and it proved even more difficult than the first. I would like to congratulate the school principals and staff for their adaptability and perseverance in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. They were able to effectively support our students by providing them with a quality education despite the challenges and restrictions in place. I would also like to thank our students and our parents for all their efforts and their support during this difficult time.

In spite of the unusual year, there are several impressive accomplishments that deserve recognition. This was the first full year for the new Paul-Émile-Mercier Secondary School Community Centre (Centre scolaire secondaire communautaire Paul-Émile-Mercier – CSSC Mercier). We had over 120 students this year, an increase of more than 40% compared to the previous year. In addition, we celebrated the graduation of twelve students from CSSC Mercier in June. This was our largest graduating class to date! CSSC Mercier opened its doors to the community on numerous occasions for sports and cultural activities. Additionally, the Garderie du petit cheval blanc used the facilities for the daycare's summer camp. This school and community centre has been a dream for many years. It is exciting to see this dream come true. We also obtained funding to support the forest school program at École Émilie-Tremblay. This is an important initiative which allows us to offer training in outdoor experiential education.

Geneviève Tremblay, Coordinator of services for early childhood and multilingual families, received the Department of Education's Excellence in Education Award. We are proud to know that Josianne Guay, a teacher at CSSC Mercier, is sitting on the Canadian French Language Education Association's (Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française – ACELF) strategic orientation committee. We are also proud of our collaboration with the Garderie du petit cheval blanc in organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Professional Development Symposium for Early Childhood Educators (Colloque de formation professionnelle pour les intervenantes et intervenants en petite enfance). The 2021 edition of the Salon du livre book fair was a resounding success. It was held at CSSC Mercier, where we broke our sales records once again this year! Thank you to the organizing committee made up of four CSFY employees for this wonderful community event.

The 2021-2022 school year marks an occasion to recognize several staff members for their years of loyal service: Jean-François Blouin (30 years), Julie Dessureault and Bernadette Roy (15 years), Andrée Johnson and Eliane Steffen (10 years). In addition, Jean-François Blouin, Clémence Roy and Christine Marchand have left us for a well-deserved retirement.

Throughout the year, we have continued to be involved in local and national organizations, such as the Yukon Francophone Community Leaders Roundtable (Table des leaders de la francophonie du Yukon), the Education Community Partnership (Partenariat communautaire en éducation), the Early Childhood Roundtable (Table en petite enfance) and the National Group of Executive Directors in Education (Regroupement national des directions générales de l'éducation), among others. We also participated in the Northern Citizen Forum (Forum citoyen du Nord) held about our needs and aspirations with regard to French-language postsecondary education in a minority setting.

In response to the request of several parents in Dawson City, the CSFY has taken steps to start up a school program in this community. We have completed a feasibility study, which recommends establishing a school there, and we have hired a community relations coordinator to organize community activities in French. The timeline remains uncertain, but we hope to offer services as early as the next school year. At the request of the board of directors for the Garderie du petit cheval blanc, an initial analysis to explore various possible modes of governance was completed. This work will continue next year.

I hope that you enjoy reading our annual report. While reading it, I hope that you will appreciate all the changes, innovations, projects and efforts that we have implemented to ensure the success and wellbeing of our students.

Sincerely,  
Marc Champagne, Executive Director