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Chair's Report

It is with great pleasure that I write this message to share with you the projects and accomplishments of the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY) for the 2025–2026 school year. As trustees, we must ensure that we make decisions that reflect and serve the best interests of our entire community. This responsibility has motivated our board throughout our term. Indeed, this year was marked by numerous challenges and memorable moments, and the board of trustees navigated them with integrity and conviction.

This year, the CSFY has seen several changes at the governance level. At the beginning of the year, we launched a pilot project to include student trustees. Rebecca, Tristan, and William are the first students to hold the position and have participated in four public meetings this year. Their first public meeting coincided with that of the newly elected trustees following the November general election. Myriam Bougie, Jean-Sébastien Blais, Jessica Guérette, and I were re-elected, and Amélie Morin was newly elected. This election also stood out for the number of candidates, a sure sign of our community's vitality.

Shortly thereafter, Jean-Sébastien announced his departure from his position as trustee after serving four terms. During his tenure, he has made numerous contributions to the CSFY that will continue to be felt for a long time to come. In April, the by-election allowed us to welcome Frédéric Trussart to the board of trustees. Following his election, we finalized the composition of the governance committee with the election of Amélie Morin as vice-chair and myself as chair. We are particularly pleased to see Dawson—where Amélie is from—represented on the school board's executive committee. Despite all this change, we have managed to accomplish a great deal on the policy front by focusing on the needs of our students.

The school board trustees seized the opportunity presented by the territorial election to launch a political awareness campaign targeting all territorial parties. As soon as the campaign was launched, the trustees met with the leaders of the Yukon Liberal Party, the Yukon New Democratic Party, and the Yukon Party. Fruitful discussions took place with each of them, confirming our school board's strategic positioning and progress. The priorities we have put forward are the provision of French-as-a-first-language education in Dawson, the implementation of a territorial policy on cell phone use in schools, equitable access to trade training facilities for our high school students, the revision of the *Education Act*, and the revision of the funding formula to achieve real equivalence.

In addition, in October we held a joint press conference with the trustees of the First Nation School Board to call for the development of a transparent and equitable funding formula. Our efforts have paid off! Since the election of the Minister of Education, the Honorable Scott Kent, the trustees have held two meetings with him to continue advancing our priorities, in addition to other important initiatives such as maintaining our educational spaces. Admittedly, there is still much work to be done on all these issues, but we are optimistic that we have established good communication with the

minister from the outset and that we see a genuine desire on the part of his office to consult with us and listen to our concerns.

Major projects are on the horizon for the coming year. It was with great excitement that we announced plans to open a second daycare center at 478 Range Road. We announced the confirmation of territorial funding on May 13, and the renovations to the space will provide a wonderful environment for the little ones in our community.

At the end of the school year, we announced plans for the transition in executive leadership, noting Mr. Marc Champagne's planned departure in February 2027. This will certainly be a significant transition, and the board of trustees will ensure it is handled with the utmost care. This year will also mark the 30th anniversary of the CSFY. We have begun preparations for the celebrations, which will begin even before school starts again.

We ended the 2025–26 school year with confidence in the future: the Programme Confluence will welcome new students after completing its third year; the opening of the second daycare will help reduce the waiting list, which currently stands at 100 names; and we plan to set up portable classrooms to accommodate students from CSSC Mercier, whose enrollment continues to grow. Indeed, our wonderful community continues to grow and flourish.

It is an honor to work alongside my colleagues to ensure that our children have access to an excellent French-language education. As this report marks the first year of the current trustees' term, I would like to thank the community for the trust you have placed in us by electing us.

We are committed to taking our responsibilities to heart and to exercising the diligence and care required to ensure the success of our initiatives. It is therefore with a sincere reaffirmation of the board of trustees' dedication that I conclude this report. Thank you to the entire school board team and to the Francophone community of the Yukon for joining us on this journey toward the advancement of French-language education in this beautiful territory.

Sincerely,

Véronique Maggiore, Chair