

Message from the Executive Director

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2022-2023 CSFY Annual Report, which highlights the four axes of our strategic plan: our students, our education, our promotion and visibility and our leadership.

We are glad that the past year has seen a return to a certain normality for our schools. I would like to congratulate the school principals and staff for their efforts in re-launching many of the activities, teams and clubs that were not able to take place during the pandemic. I would also like to thank our students and parents for all their efforts and support over the past year. I would like to highlight the creation of several clubs, including robotics, cooking, reading and improvisation. We had an art exhibition for CSSC Mercier and École Émilie-Tremblay, and several students stood out for their artistic talents. Our sports teams also excelled, enabling our students to be active, develop their skills and win many honours.

I would like to highlight several other success stories:

Congratulations to Joséphine Leblanc who received the CSFY Excellence Award worth \$1,000. We also congratulate our six students who graduated from CSSC Mercier in June 2022 and received our official languages bursary and bilingualism certificate. Vanessa Raymond, for her part, was awarded the Bourse de la persévérance scolaire by the Regroupement national des directions générales de l'éducation.

The CSFY also congratulates the six recipients of its scholarship for post-secondary studies in French: Orlina Ménard, Joséphine Leblanc, Marguerite Tolgyési, Vincent Ménard, Maude Molgat and Anna Tolgyési. This year, the CSFY received a record number of applications! The CSFY awarded a \$1,200 scholarship to each of them, to encourage them in their pursuit of post-secondary studies in French.

CSSC Mercier has welcomed the community on numerous occasions for cultural and sporting activities. In addition, the Garderie du petit cheval blanc once again used our premises for their summer camp. At École Émilie-Tremblay, we obtained funding to support our forest school program. This is an important initiative that provides training in outdoor experiential education. Thanks to a partnership with the Association franco-yukonnaise, we have completed several projects, including the construction of a dedicated area for the ÉÉT improvisation club, lunches at CSSC Mercier cooked by the cooking club and the creation of a scientific greenhouse for CSSC Mercier.

The 2023 edition of the Salon du livre was a great success. Thanks to a grant from the Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes, we were able to offer book presentations by two Quebec authors. Thank you to the four CSFY employees for organizing this wonderful community event!

The 2022-2023 school year marks the recognition of several staff members for their years of loyal service: Manon Aubert (20 years), Frédérique Janvier-Crête (15 years), Annie Lavallée, Karen Eloquin, Guillaume Robert and Maud Caron (10 years). In addition, Manon Carrière, who held the position of Principal at École Émilie-Tremblay for several years, has left us for a well-deserved retirement. She made a remarkable contribution during her many years with us as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. We will miss her!

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 National Education Summit to identify national education priorities for the next five years.

At the request of many parents in Dawson City, the CSFY continued its efforts to start a school program in this community. We set up facilities and created the Centre francophone de Dawson. We offered French-language activities and resources throughout the year, and ran a French-language camp during spring break and the first week of summer vacation. In February, the CSFY hired Nadine Laurin to support our students enrolled at École Nomade. She offered support to the many families enrolled at this school. After many months of negotiation, the CSFY reached an agreement with the Yukon Government to offer an in-person program in Dawson starting in August 2023. The creation of this program marks another important milestone for the Dawson's francophone community.

At the request of the board of the Garderie du petit cheval blanc, we moved forward with the project to transfer the governance of the daycare to the CSFY. We have prepared the groundwork with government authorities and the daycare team. The transfer of governance is taking place gradually since July 2023.

I hope you enjoy reading our annual report that is available online at <https://commissionscolaire.csfy.ca/publications/>. 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