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Subject: Appointment of Mr. Daniel Blais as Executive Director of the CSFY

The Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Daniel Blais as Executive Director. He will officially assume his duties on February 19, 2027.

This appointment follows a rigorous and comprehensive recruitment process conducted by the CSFY's recruitment committee, comprising the School Board's trustees and supported by an experienced external consultant. Following this thorough process, the trustees were unanimous in their endorsement of Mr. Blais to lead the organisation.

"We are delighted to welcome Daniel Blais as Executive Director of the CSFY. His impressive track record in Francophone education, his recognised leadership and his understanding of the realities faced by Francophone minority communities make him the ideal person to guide the CSFY in pursuing its mission and realising its ambitions for the future," said Véronique Maggiore, Chair of the CSFY.

Having arrived in the Yukon and joined the CSFY in August 2018, Mr. Blais has over 30 years' experience in French-language education, in both immersion and French first language programs, in Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon. During his career, he has held various positions of responsibility, including as a teacher, principal and director of instruction. Mr. Blais was principal at CSSC Mercier before assuming the position of Assistant Executive Director at the CSFY in 2025.

Originally from Edmonton, Alberta, Mr. Blais has in-depth knowledge of the issues and realities specific to Francophone communities living in a minority context. His professional career demonstrates a sustained commitment to student success, team development and the flourishing of Francophone school communities.

Holding a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean, as well as a Master's degree in School Leadership from Portland State University, Mr. Blais is recognised for his people-centred approach to leadership and his collaborative style.

"I am honoured by the trust placed in me by the CSFY trustees. Since arriving in the Yukon, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated colleagues,

committed families and inspiring students. I look forward to continuing this work in my new role and contributing to the development of a learning environment where everyone can thrive, innovate and realise their full potential," said Mr. Blais.

Mr. Blais places particular emphasis on personal development and aims to foster a learning environment that encourages creativity, innovation and success for all learners. His vision is in line with the CSFY's commitment to continuing to provide high-quality French-language education while strengthening its role within the Franco-Yukon community.

The Board of Trustees would like to warmly congratulate Mr. Blais on his appointment and wishes him every success in his new role.

Since Mr. Blais has until now held the position of Assistant Executive Director, the CSFY will immediately begin the recruitment process to fill that position.

During the transition period between Mr. Blais' start date on February 19, and the start date of the new, yet to be hired Assistant Executive Director, Marc Champagne, the outgoing Executive Director of the CSFY, will temporarily assume the duties of Assistant Executive Director.

About the CSFY

The CSFY is responsible for providing French as a First Language education in the Yukon. Its goal is to offer students an inclusive, welcoming and stimulating French-language learning environment that fosters excellence, success and personal fulfilment for all, while contributing to the vitality of the Franco-Yukon community.

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