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A delegation from École des Pionniers de Maillardville is preparing an exploratory trip to Senegal

March 10, 2008 (Richmond, B.C.) A delegation, comprised of several staff members from École des Pionniers de Maillardville in Port Coquitlam, will travel to Senegal during Spring Break, March 15 to 29. In the context of a new course on world views (*Perspective mondiale*), the delegation aims to establish links with schools in Senegal that might take part in an exchange and twinning program with schools from the Conseil scolaire francophone de la C.-B. (BC's Francophone School District, SD No 93) (CSF).

During their two-week trip, the delegates will visit four schools, an orphanage and an ophthalmologic centre. The visit will allow members of the delegation to better understand the problems of world development, efforts put forth locally as well as daily challenges faced by the population. It will also lead to the identification of resource persons who will contribute to the enrichment of future exchanges between the African country and CSF schools.

In order to take advantage of the possibility of organizing exchanges, the delegation wishes to bring material intended for the various organisations they will visit: books in good condition for the school library, clothing for new-born babies at the orphanage and discarded eyeglasses for the ophthalmologic centre. Donations will also be accepted.

The five-member delegation from École des Pionniers de Maillardville includes: Raymond Lemoine, Principal of École des Pionniers; Jocelyne Fortin, Vice-Principal of the secondary division of École des Pionniers; Katia Labonté, teacher at École des Pionniers; Madeleine Mulaire, councillor for the Coquitlam School District; and Nadine Lemoine, student in Environmental Studies at the University of Ottawa. All members of the delegation are travelling at their own expense.

The course, entitled *Perspective mondiale* (world views), and subsequent humanitarian aid, is expected to be offered as early as September 2008 in several CSF secondary schools. By offering this course, we wish to introduce students to international problems while giving them an authentic look at life outside their environment. The project is intended to create awareness for problems regarding education and schooling in other countries, poverty and its causes, and especially, efforts made in trying to remedy the situation.

Further information on this educational and humanitarian international project is available at:
<http://www.ragelemoine.ca/html/afriqueaccueil.htm> .

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Since its creation in 1995, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique offers educational programs and services geared towards the growth and cultural promotion of the province's Francophone learners. An active partner in the development of British Columbia's francophone community, the Conseil has presently in its system, and distributed across 78 communities in the province, over 4,000 students and 39 schools, which includes 21 homogeneous schools.

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