

November 14 2025

To: Chair and Members of the Vancouver School Board**Subject:** Reiteration of CSF Interest in the Guy Carleton Site**Dear Chair and Members of the Board,**

The *Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique* (CSF) wishes to formally reiterate its interest in the Guy Carleton site for the establishment of a secondary school serving students in the Vancouver East-of-Main catchment area.

We appreciate the Board's ongoing planning efforts and offer the following information for consideration in the context of the current school-closure review process. This data reflects the CSF's continuing analysis of francophone education needs in Vancouver and the surrounding area and underscores the long-term importance of the Guy Carleton site within a coordinated provincial approach to public-education infrastructure.

1. Student Population in the Vancouver East-of-Main Area

The CSF has a significant population of students residing in East Vancouver who would benefit from local access to a francophone secondary school. The absence of such a facility contributes to long daily commutes, limits enrolment growth, and affects equitable access to French-language education guaranteed under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

- **Current enrolment:** approximately **660 K–12 students**, including about **250 secondary students**.

These figures represent students living in Vancouver East only and exclude those from nearby Burnaby and parts of New Westminster who currently attend École Jules-Verne at the secondary level.

- **Current situation:** Elementary students currently living on the southeast side of Vancouver attend **École Anne-Hébert** (7051 Killarney St., Vancouver). Students living on the northeast side of Vancouver currently attend **École Norval Morisseau** (2882 East 4th Avenue, Vancouver) for Kindergarten to Grade 3. Due to limited space at this facility, Grades 4 to 6 are required students to travel to **École Anne-Hébert**.

Please note that École Norval Morisseau operates within the **Macquinna Annex** facility, which is owned by the Vancouver School Board (VSB).

Finally, secondary students living east of Main Street in Vancouver currently attend **École Jules-Verne** (5445 Baillie Street, Vancouver), which is operating above its capacity with a total of 540 students.

- **Eligible students (Statistics Canada, 2021 Census):** approximately **2,500 K–12 students**, including roughly **1,200 secondary students** who are constitutionally entitled to education in French.

2. Long-Term Planning and Projected Demand

The CSF's planned and ongoing expansion of elementary programs in Vancouver West-of-Granville, Vancouver Centre, and Vancouver North-East will significantly increase enrolment pressure at the secondary level.

École Jules-Verne, the CSF's only secondary school currently serving all of Vancouver, is already operating above capacity.

Developing a secondary school on the Guy Carleton site is therefore an essential component of the CSF's long-term infrastructure strategy. Given that acquisition, funding approvals, and development can extend over a decade, and given the projected doubling of secondary-level enrolment east of Main Street, this reinforces the strategic value of securing a suitable site as early as possible.

A secondary school in East Vancouver would:

- Support anticipated growth and relieve pressure on École Jules-Verne;
- Provide appropriate access for students residing east of Main Street and reduce excessive travel times; and
- Temporarily accommodate secondary students from Burnaby and parts of New Westminster until additional CSF schools are established.

3. Strategic and Constitutional Considerations

The acquisition of the Guy Carleton site aligns with both the CSF's long-term educational planning and the constitutional obligations under Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees francophone families access to schooling in facilities comparable to those of the majority.

The CSF remains committed to working constructively with the Vancouver School Board, the Province of British Columbia, and other partners to ensure that public-education facilities across Vancouver are planned and utilized to best serve the needs of all students.

Sincerely,



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