

To Parents of Hay River Students:

**School Space Issues in Hay River**

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment, and all the divisional educational councils, district education authorities and the Commission scolaire francophone are committed to the students of the Northwest Territories. Our first priority is to ensure students receive a quality educational experience, no matter what their background, where they live, or where they go to school.

Parents of school-aged children in Hay River can be assured of the following:

**Parents of children in Harry Camsell, Princess Alexandra and Diamond Jenness Secondary Schools:**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, your child will attend the same school they were registered in:

Kindergarten – Grade 3 students	- Harry Camsell School
Grade 4 – 7 students	- Princess Alexandra School
Grade 8 – 12 students	- Diamond Jenness Secondary School

**Parents of École Boréale Students:**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, your child will report to École Boréale. Some students will soon attend classes in spaces outside of École Boréale, but all students will begin the day at École Boréale.

Parents of students new to École Boréale will need to provide verification of their status as s.23 rights-holders under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Please contact the school for more information on what is required. See the Ministerial Directive for more information.

**All Hay River students will continue to have access to appropriate gym and science lab space according to past practice.**

We are offering this information because there has been some confusion about school space arrangements for the 2008-09 school year. The expansion of École Boréale is at issue in a court case that is happening this school year. While early motions have been in the news lately, the trial date has not been set yet. This issue is likely to go on for some time.

For the 2008-09 school year, three temporary classroom spaces for École Boréale students will be provided in other Hay River schools. This was ordered by the Court and is only until other spaces outside of other Hay River schools can be found.

We are working together with partners in the community to determine alternate space arrangements.

We will continue to update you via this website, and through local media, on where the CSF students will be accommodated. Contact 1-866-930-3693 with any questions about this letter.

We appreciate your patience as we prepare for the new school year.

Sincerely,

Dan Daniels  
Deputy Minister