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## **Discussions to begin on possibility of French First Language school at site of new F.H. Collins**

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Education and the Commission Scolaire Francophone du Yukon (CSFY) have begun preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of building a French First Language high school on the F.H. Collins site, which would be connected to the core facilities of the new school.

At a meeting on March 27th with the CSFY trustees, Education Minister Scott Kent introduced the idea of building a new Académie Parhélie at the F.H. Collins site. Since then, F.H. Collins school council members and staff at both schools have been made aware of this possibility.

"While nothing has been decided and this issue is complex, we look forward to exploring the possibility of incorporating a French First Language high school into the design of the new F.H. Collins," Kent said. "We will not delay the F.H. Collins process as a result; however, we want to choose a flexible design in case Académie Parhélie is included on the F.H. Collins site."

"The CSFY is willing to consult about having a French First Language high school on the F.H. Collins site," CSFY President Luc Laferté said. "To that effect, the CSFY is arranging a community meeting in order to get direction as to what would be the best solution for Rights-Holders students."

A bilingual public meeting will take place Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the École Émilie-Tremblay gymnasium. All community members are invited to share their thoughts on including a French First Language high school that would connect to the core facilities of the new F.H. Collins design.

"In addition to discussions with the francophone community, the F.H. Collins community would need to be consulted, as well as other relevant partners," Kent added.

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