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The *Conseil scolaire francsaskois* accepts invitation from the House of Commons Standing Committee on Official Languages in Ottawa to present the minority Francophone situation in Saskatchewan with regards to access to education

Regina, December 13th, 2011 –The *Conseil scolaire francsaskois* (CSF) met with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Official Languages in Ottawa on December 13th, 2011.

The memorandum presented to the Committee detailed the problems associated with chronic under-funding for education in French and the negative consequences that this situation continues to bring about for all Francsaskois right-holders.

In fact, in spite of obvious progress since its inception in 1995, the means available to the CSF still remain insufficient to allow for it to meet the full extent of its responsibilities and its triple mandate with regards to education, culture and community as conferred by Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Francsaskois people must constantly fight, and unfortunately too often seek justice for their right to access an education in French and to put in place a Francophone education system where the quality of education is equal to that provided to the majority.

The federal and provincial governments both have the responsibility to ensure the respect of our constitutional rights by providing us access to the necessary means to answer to our present and future needs, and to allow for the repairing of harm done to the community.

As the only Francophone school division in the province, the CÉF administers 15 schools across the province, including a boarding school. Services in most schools range from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12, and students benefit from a high quality education.

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