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Kingston's students and community celebrate the official inauguration of the new school complex!

KINGSTON, Thursday, October 4, 2012 – It was with pride and joy today that the *Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario* (CEPEO) — Eastern Ontario's French Public School Board — along with many students, parents and staff, officially inaugurated the Kingston school complex housing *École élémentaire publique Madeleine-de-Roybon* and *École secondaire publique Mille-Îles*.

“On behalf of the *Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario* (CEPEO), I humbly thank the staff, students, parents, and the whole Kingston school community for their support, their patience, and their professionalism during the construction of this great joint effort. The CEPEO is proud to be able to leave this excellent learning environment as a legacy to the Kingston community,” said Director of Education Edith Dumont.

The students of *École élémentaire publique Madeleine-de-Roybon* and students from *École secondaire publique Mille-Îles*, along with the staff, moved into the new school premises at 72 Gilmour Ave. in Kingston on April 16.

Laid out on a six-acre lot, each school has a separate space on the site, and features large, modern classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards, a large multi-purpose gym with environmentally friendly air conditioning, a library, a computer lab and a new drop-off zone located within the school yard to ensure student safety.

“Today's ceremony marks the conclusion of a significant project dedicated to offering excellent learning conditions and a high-quality French-language education in the Kingston community,” said Marc Bissonnette, CEPEO school trustee for the regions of Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox, Addington, Frontenac, Leeds and Grenville.

“We are starting off a new school year in new facilities. We are very proud to be able to offer our students an improved learning environment with infrastructure that is better tailored to the needs of the school and its programs,” said the school's principal, Éline Constant.

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Écoles de choix, Conseil de choix. A leader in education and environmental management, the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO) is the only school board in North America to offer the ISO 14000 program for students, recognized worldwide by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The CEPEO is also currently integrating the ISO 14001 standard into its practices; this standard sets out requirements for an environmental management system. The CEPEO serves more than 12,400 students and includes 38 French-language elementary and secondary schools across Eastern Ontario.

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