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Press Release

Funding Agreement reached with Teachers

Mistissini, Eeyou Istchee (June 8, 2022) – The Cree School Board is pleased to announce an important update regarding funding agreements reached with the government of Québec, which has resulted in additional benefits and provisions to be made available to teachers.

This monumental agreement has taken several years of extensive work and collaboration with the Cree School Board, the Ministry of Education and the Quebec Treasury Board, as well as consultations with stakeholders. With the final approval from the Association of employees of Northern Québec (AENQ-CSQ), the agreement includes increased and accessible food transportation allocations as well as significant, specialized premiums for qualified teachers.

The collective agreement of 2015-2020 between the Cree School Board and the AENQ-CSQ had been expired since 2020. The delegation from Cree School Board has worked extensively and in with great collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Quebec Treasury Board as well as with many internal and external stakeholders to ensure that all viewpoints were included in funding agreements and which will support the finalization of the teachers' contract with the Union. The Cree School Board is grateful to the support from the various parties.

The Cree School Board is confident that this agreement will be appreciated by teachers and staff. The increased amounts and premiums should see a positive impact in attraction and retention and engagement of teachers both locally and external to Eeyou Istchee and were designed to support the Cree School Board's goal of instilling lifelong learning across Eeyou Istchee while enhancing and promoting Cree culture and traditions.

The Cree School Board was formally established in 1978 as a result of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement* of 1975. Its purpose is to serve the Cree living in Eeyou Istchee and to empower us to take control of our own education system as well as to protect our language, culture, and traditional pursuits.

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