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A new principal for Blind River's new public school

Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (CSPGNO) has appointed Ms. Hélène Rancourt to the position of principal of the new public school in Blind River.

Ms. Rancourt holds a bachelor's degree with honours in French and English from Laurentian University. She brings to the CSPGNO a solid background in Francophone education, with more than 15 years of teaching experience in French and English at intermediate and senior levels, as well as seven years of experience as a guidance lead teacher and school staff member.

Ms. Rancourt's accomplishments include organizing many cultural school trips, training curling teams and leading the nutritional program for Francophone students in Blind River. She has also organized and supervised the student parliament, the graduation committee and the youth action committee.

Throughout her career, Ms. Rancourt has been committed to helping every student find their place and achieve their full potential. Thanks to her wealth of experience, her community network, her leadership and her infectious energy, the CSPGNO is convinced that she will be an outstanding leader for the founding staff members of Blind River's new public school.

As the founding principal of this new school, she will build links with the community, help to oversee construction, implement academic programming and recruit personnel. As a citizen of Blind River for 16 years, she will take her role of regional ambassador to heart. Ms. Rancourt begins her new duties today.

Recognized for its keen sense of innovation and openness to the world, CSPGNO offers a French-language public education of the highest quality in thirteen elementary schools and eight secondary schools in the communities of Markstay, Noëlville, Greater Sudbury, Elliot Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa, Dubreuilville, Marathon, Manitouwadge and Longlac.

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