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The Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord honours its employees

At its regular meeting held in Sudbury on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, the Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord extended congratulations and thanks to a number of its staff members.

The Board began its meeting by recognizing the staff members who are on the threshold of a new stage in their lives, retirement.

Director of Education Sébastien Fontaine thanked the retiring staff members for their outstanding commitment to students and their remarkable contribution to the school board. The Board recognized the role these persons have played in the lives of countless students and others throughout the school board. They are sources of inspiration for their students and colleagues, and they have left their mark in the history of French-language public education in Ontario.

The Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord expresses its warmest thanks to each and every one of these staff members for their exceptional work, which has not gone unnoticed. The Board salutes the following employees and wishes them health and happiness in their well-deserved retirement.

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| Ginette Barriault | Jeannette Bergeron | Brigitte Caveen |
| Monique Dubreuil | Francine Lafrenière-Vaillancourt | Lynda Last |
| Suzanne Leclair-Bédard | Lorraine Legault | Marc Lévesque |
| Michel Millette | Christine Pépin-Dillon | Gisèle Pilon |
| Shirley Serré-Bouillon | Daniel Turgeon | Diane Vaillancourt |

The Board also recognized the merit and exceptional performance of certain staff members for their contributions to the development of children and youth in its schools. Three awards of excellence are presented annually to recognize the work of staff members who, through their attitude and efforts, uphold the school board's mission, vision and values and thus contribute to its success.

The Étoile de l'accueil (Star of Congeniality) Award is presented to a Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord employee who exemplifies the school board's values in the workplace and beyond, in particular the values of respect, appreciation and collaboration. This year, the Board awards the 2024 Étoile de l'accueil to Colette Chiarello, secretary of École publique Écho-des-Rapides in Sault-Ste-Marie. Ms. Chiarello is the first contact with the school. She knows the name of every child and parent and greets each and every one with a smile and a nice welcome. Ms. Chiarello plays an active role in recognizing students' successes and staff accomplishments. Whether it is with a sticker, a song or a word of encouragement, students and adults always leave her office with a little bit of happiness. Ms. Chiarello is at the heart of the school; she is the glue, the mother of É. p. Écho-des-Rapides.

The Étoile de l'engagement (Star of Commitment) Award is presented to a Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord employee who displays openness, integrity and ongoing commitment in work-related duties and beyond. The 2024 Étoile de l'engagement is awarded to Mr. Éric Jolicoeur, computer technologist. Mr. Jolicoeur stands out for his kindness, professionalism, calm and patience. Always ready to help others and find solutions to facilitate the work of his colleagues, Mr. Jolicoeur takes pride in a job well done and goes beyond the expectations of his position. Since joining the Board, Mr. Jolicoeur has built relationships of trust with his colleagues. His commitment to both the technical team and the Board's school community makes him an invaluable support to the IT department and the Board's wider family.

The Étoile de l'innovation (Star of Innovation) Award is presented to a staff member in recognition of leadership and innovative work processes. The 2024 Étoile de l'innovation award is presented to Julie Cyr, teacher at École secondaire Cité-Supérieure in Marathon. An exceptional mentor and passionate educator, Ms. Cyr embodies creativity through her many authentic projects. Always in search of innovation, she guides her students in the discovery of their passion and encourages them to pursue their boldest dreams. While passing on her insatiable taste for learning, it goes without saying that Ms. Cyr inspires and shapes the minds of her students, making her an excellent ambassador for the Board.

It is with great pleasure that the Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord congratulates the winners of this year's awards of excellence. Their passion and commitment towards the Board makes them worthy recipients of these prestigious awards.

Recognized for its keen sense of innovation and openness to the world, Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord offers a French-language public education of the highest quality in fifteen elementary schools and eight secondary schools in the communities of Markstay,

*Noëlville, Sudbury, Blind River, Elliot Lake, Sault-Sainte-Marie, Wawa, Dubreuilville,
Marathon, Manitouwadge, Longlac and Thunder Bay.*

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