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Name unveiled for new anglophone school in Moncton (10/06/29)

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MONCTON (CNB) - The new school under construction in Moncton north will officially be known as Northrop Frye School - named after the late outstanding Canadian intellectual who was born and educated in the city

The name was announced at a sign unveiling ceremony at the school site by Education Minister Roland Haché; Aubrey Kirkpatrick, director of finance, administration and communications, School District 2; Harry Doyle, chair, School District 2 Education Council; Tina Landry, school principal; and members of the naming committee.

"I had three good suggestions from which to chose, but I felt that the name of Northrop Frye name has special significance for the people of Moncton," said Hache. "I am sure the students and staff will be very proud to attend the Northrop Frye School."

Construction is underway and is expected to be complete for the second term of the 2010-11 academic year.

"Northrop Frye was a world-renowned literary critic who was raised and educated in Moncton, and he was considered a champion of Canadian writers and their works," said Karen Branscombe, superintendent, School District 2. "As our school district continues to focus on promoting and improving reading and writing skills of our students, it would seem appropriate that the minister of education has chosen such an inspiring scholar after whom to name our new school. The Northrop Frye Festival has become a very important part of our community, and I believe that the students who attend the Northrop Frye School will soon come to appreciate the significance of this choice."

The school is being built on Ryan Street as part of a public-private partnership with Brunswick Learning Centres Inc. It will cover 10,219 sq. m (110,000 sq. ft.) and accommodate 650 students from kindergarten to Grade 8.

The school will include: 27 classrooms; a literacy support room; a resource centre; a technology education room; a cafeteria and kitchen; a science room; two gymnasiums; two music rooms; two visual arts rooms; two resource teaching rooms; and three team teaching rooms.

As part of the provincial government's Green Buildings Program, the school has been designed to achieve a silver rating under the Principles of Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED), a rating system used to measure green building performance in Canada.

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