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**CÉGEP COURSES TO BE OFFERED IN ENGLISH IN
COWANSVILLE**

MAGOG, January 11, 2012 – The fruits of a partnership between the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) and Champlain Regional College (CRC) will give students who wish to study in English from the Cowansville area the opportunity to attend CÉGEP closer to home, more specifically those whose personal circumstances prevent them from relocating. The ETSB's Council of Commissioners was unanimous in its support to move ahead quickly with the proposed collaboration between the ETSB and Champlain Regional College (Lennoxville Campus).

The goal of the collaboration is to offer students in the Cowansville area an additional alternative when considering CÉGEP. For students living in the Massey-Vanier High School basin, attending CÉGEP previously meant that they would have to relocate to either Lennoxville or Montreal. "In speaking with former students, parents and our school administration, this hurdle can be a huge factor in discouraging some from pursuing post-secondary studies. By offering courses in Cowansville, they can fulfill their dream of continuing their education when circumstances prevent them from moving. Although CÉGEP is beyond our jurisdiction, offering the best opportunities for our students is, and this partnership will be an excellent opportunity for our graduates. We are looking forward to working with Champlain Regional College and are excited about implementing this new venture," expressed Chantal C. Beaulieu, Director General of the ETSB.

"Champlain Regional College, through the efforts of Champlain-Lennoxville, is extremely pleased to have the opportunity to work in partnership with the Eastern Townships School Board on yet another project destined for the English community. We hope that together we can provide access to an English college education to members of the Cowansville community who might not otherwise have a chance to attend CÉGEP. We sincerely hope that we will be able to create a solid cohort so that we can launch the program in the fall. The experience that we have gained in working in the Huntingdon area will most certainly serve us well," stated J. Kenneth Robertson, Director General, Champlain Regional College.

Currently, the ETSB is surveying secondary 5 students attending Massey-Vanier High School for their feedback. The set program to be offered will lead to a general social sciences DEC and anyone who may be interested should contact the ETSB at 819-868-3100 or through their website at www.etsb.qc.ca. This opportunity is primarily for, but not exclusive to, the graduates of Massey-Vanier High School who wish to pursue their post-secondary education in English but are unable to relocate to Lennoxville or Montreal.

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