

**Press Release**

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION  
CENTER (RAEC) IN PESSAMIT**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Pessamit – March 22, 2023** – The First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) is pleased to announce the official opening of the Regional Adult Education Center in Pessamit. The Pessamit RAEC has been welcoming students since September 2021, under the direction of Ms. Marie-Josée Simard, director of the Pessamit RAEC. Ms. Simard is from Pessamit and has many years of experience in education within her community. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Laval and is a proud mother of her three (3) children.

Currently, the Center hosts 42 students and the Center's staff is mostly made up of people from the community. Students therefore benefit from services in the Innu language. The new center is working with Pessamit partners to develop vocational training programs to meet the labor needs of the community.

“This is a historic moment for the community of Pessamit, its adult learners and Ms. Simard. We are delighted with this partnership and know that Ms. Simard will lead by example in providing high quality services to adult learners” Tanu Lusignan, FNAESC Executive Director.

**About FNAESC**

The FNAESC is committed to providing high quality adult learning environments that focus on culturally relevant student-centered learning in a safe environment that reflects First Nations values and enables students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for their future educational and employment endeavors. The FNAESC supports adult education services in Lac Simon, Kahnawake, Listuguj, Pessamit, Gesgapegiag, Pikogan, Kanesatake, Wemotaci, Montreal and Val d'Or.

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