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The Halton District School Board Taps Into Cogeco Connexion's High-Bandwidth Connectivity Solution

Montréal, September 27, 2016 – Cogeco Connexion is proud to announce that it has executed a major fibre agreement with the Halton District School Board (HDSB) which serves public school students with-in all four municipalities of the Regional Municipality of Halton in southern Ontario: Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. The HDSB has selected Cogeco Connexion – through a request for proposal process – to design, build and maintain a high-bandwidth connectivity solution, featuring GigE access for all HDSB schools. Cogeco Connexion has completed building this new state-of-the-art fibre optic network which was launched on September 1, 2016.

With more than 62,000 students, close to 6,500 staff and 105 locations spread across 232,000 acres of land, the Board needed a robust infrastructure that would provide ultra high speeds while enabling new technologies and educational possibilities for its faculties and students. Cogeco Connexion's high-bandwidth connectivity solution will be completely scalable and fully redundant, CISCO next generation, N+1 design.

"With the ever-growing number of devices connected to their network, the multiplication of on-net users and traffic density, the HDSB was looking for a partner that could bring its schools into the future and deliver the capacity to handle the increasing online activity," said Antoine Shiu, Vice President, Business Solutions Sales. "Cogeco Connexion will be investing heavily to design and build this new fibre optic network in order to help the Board achieve its strategic objectives and carry on its mission. We are thrilled to embark on this journey and would like to thank them for their trust."

"With the fundamental nature of education evolving at a faster pace than ever before, finding an affordable and reliable high-capacity network provider became a priority for the HDSB," added Fern Pinho, Network Operations and Telecom Manager, Halton District School Board. "We are proud to confirm that we have entrusted Cogeco Connexion with this mandate and we are confident that their best in-class technology will facilitate our goal of providing 21st century learning and new ways for our students and staff to engage with educational studies, preparing our youth for the future."

Given the exponential development of technology, the Cogeco Connexion network will be completely scalable, enabling the HDSB to add capacity bandwidth at any point during the next 10 years to facilitate increased bandwidth demands.

For more information on Cogeco Connexion's Business Solutions and dedicated fibre services, visit cogeco.ca.

ABOUT COGECO CONNEXION

Cogeco Connexion (www.cogeco.ca) regroups the Canadian cable operations of Cogeco Communications Inc. Cogeco Connexion is the second largest cable operator in Ontario and Québec in terms of the number of basic cable service customers served. It provides its residential and small business customers with video, Internet and telephony services through its two-way broadband cable networks. Cogeco Communications Inc. is a communications corporation and is the 8th largest hybrid fibre coaxial cable operator in North America operating in Canada under the Cogeco Connexion brand name in Québec and Ontario, and in the United States through its subsidiary Atlantic Broadband in western Pennsylvania, south Florida, Maryland/Delaware, South Carolina and eastern Connecticut. Through Cogeco Peer 1, Cogeco Communications Inc. provides its business customers with a suite of information technology services (colocation, network connectivity, managed hosting, cloud services and managed IT services),

through its 17 data centres, extensive FastFiber NetworkTM and more than 50 points-of-presence in North America and Europe. Cogeco Communications Inc.'s subordinate voting shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: CCA).

ABOUT THE HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Halton District School Board in Ontario serves more than 62,000 students in the municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville in the Region of Halton. Among the largest English school boards in Ontario, the Halton public board offers high-quality education for elementary and secondary students as well as continuing education opportunities for adults and newcomers to the area. We operate 86 elementary schools (Kindergarten – Grade 8) and 19 secondary schools (Grades 9 – 12). Together, more than 6,000 Halton District School Board staff inspire students to 'learn, grow and succeed' – the Board's mission statement. These staff members include teachers, support and non-teaching staff, administrators and senior staff. Many professional development workshops and opportunities are offered to staff to provide the expertise and knowledge to engage students in their learning.

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