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EXCITING NEWS !!!!

To: All NS Guiders, Pathfinders and Rangers.

Re: Canada Cord and Chief Commissioner's Gold Award to Receive Credit in NS Provincial Public School System

As an Organization, we recognize the benefits of belonging to Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada. And now we are please to advise that recipients of the Canada Cord and Chief Commissioner's Gold Award will be receive recognition in the NS Provincial Public School System as well !

Following the release of the Minister's 'Kids and Learning' report in February 2012, the Nova Scotia Department of Education approved a new Personal Development Credit Policy for the public school system. By recognizing a range of credits earned outside of school for high school credit, the policy acknowledges the value of student learning outside the public school system and provides students with a new option for enhancing their high school transcripts.

Girl members who complete their **Canada Cord** and/or **Chief Commissioner's Gold Award** from **September 2013** onward, and attend a Nova Scotia public school, will be able to have these achievements recognized as a full personal development credit on their academic transcripts. The Canada Cord will be recognized as a grade 10-level credit, and the Chief Commissioner's Gold Award as a grade 12-level credit.

This new credit provides students with an opportunity to **meet their graduation requirements** by using one **personal development credit** as an elective credit within the 18 required to graduate. Students can also have an unlimited number of additional personal development credits recognized on their transcript outside of the 18 required credits. In both cases, students' high school transcripts will provide a clear and more complete picture of the learning, talents and interests of the student in the areas of arts, languages and/or leadership. This is a valuable option for program planning as students enter post- secondary institutions or as evidence of their abilities and interests as they seek employment.

As Guiders, we already know that Guiding gives girls and young women the skills, tools, and resources they need to achieve greatness and become the leaders of tomorrow. I am extremely pleased that the Nova Scotia Department of Education has recognized the value of the Guiding program in general, and the Pathfinder and Ranger programs specifically.

Please direct any questions about this new opportunity to me at holly.thompson@girlguides.ns.ca.

Regards,

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