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## **Judicial review of French college closing: OPSEU says francophone rights were violated**

TORONTO – Lawyers representing the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and members of the francophone community, will argue that Collège des Grands Lacs, which closed in 2001, was closed illegally. The Applicants argue the decision to close the college is unconstitutional as established in the Montfort Hospital case.

The hearings will be before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Divisional Court) Jan. 24-25.

**Date: Monday January 24, 2005 – Tuesday January 26, 2005**

**Time: Hearings begin at 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Second Floor: Room 3**

Lawyers Annie Berthiaume, Sean McGee and Marc Cousineau, from Nelligan O'Brien Payne in Ottawa, will represent OPSEU and its members, former employees of the College.

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**A copy of the factum can be obtained from the following Web sites:**

**[www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org)**

**[www.nelligan.ca](http://www.nelligan.ca)**