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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
English-Language District School Boards

**FROM:** Raymond Thériège  
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**DATE:** June 17, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **Official Languages in Education Program: French as a Second Language (FSL) Allocations to School Boards**

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Further to the Ministry's March 26, 2010 B Memoranda 2010:6, I am pleased to provide you with information about funding for the 2010-11 school year for initiatives under the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction.

As you may recall from my January 14, 2010 memorandum, under the agreement, approximately \$27 million over a period of four years (2009-10 to 2012-13) was allocated to support achievements in the following outcome domains:

- Student Participation
- Provision of Programs
- Student Performance and Enriched School Environment
- Support for Education Staff and Research

Total funding for the 2010-11 school year is \$7.6 million. For the upcoming academic year, FSL professional learning opportunities, classroom support and French learning opportunities for students within two provincial priority areas will continue to be the main focus. Please note that funding may not be transferred from one priority area to the other, and that school boards' funding allocations for each priority area may only be used for the eligible activities / expenditures as outlined below.

#### Priority Areas for 2010-11

1. Priority Area #1: FSL Professional Learning Opportunities and Classroom Support (\$6.2 million in the 2010-11 school year)

This funding will support enhanced access to professional learning opportunities and learning resources for FSL teachers.

Eligible Activities / Expenditures are:

- additional school board administrative staff such as program consultants, coordinators, coaches, special assignment teachers
- establishment of FSL Professional Learning Communities and Teaching-Learning Networks and/or co-planning or co-teaching FSL lessons, at the school, family of schools, board or regional level, including release time for teachers
- acquisition, development and sharing of learning resources for FSL teachers
- workshops for FSL teachers, including the hiring of professional services (e.g. speakers)
- conferences (within Ontario only)

Please note that student resources (e.g. textbooks, level reading books, language learning software and hardware) are not eligible under this priority.

Each of the 60 English-language school boards will be allocated \$25,000 as a base as well as a per-pupil amount based on the board's 2008-2009 FSL enrolment.

2. Priority Area #2: French Learning Opportunities for Students  
(\$1.4 million in the 2010-11 school year)

This funding will support increased opportunities for students in all FSL programs to improve and apply, through clear educational objectives, their oral communication skills. The aim is to encourage students to pursue the study of French when it is no longer compulsory for their program.

Eligible Activities / Expenditures are:

- French-English student exchanges in Canada
- student participation in educational visits in Canada that are not exchanges and that require students to use French
- student attendance at cultural activities during the school day, such as concerts and plays, that are performed in French (including pre- and post-classroom activities)
- school board summer French camps for FSL students
- planning, coordination and delivery of activities
- student participation in French public-speaking opportunities (e.g. Concours Oratoire)

Each of the 60 English-language school boards will be allocated \$5,000 as a base as well as a per-pupil amount based on the board's 2008-2009 FSL enrolment.

The FSL investment for these two priorities is additional funding and is not intended to replace funding for existing ministry initiatives such as the New Teachers Induction Program, Literacy and Numeracy programs and Student Success Leads. Funds are to be expended during the 2010-11 school year.

In the attached document, *Appendix 1*, you will find details of each school board's 2010-11 funding allocations for the two priority areas. Information about this year's Project Agreement process will be provided in September 2010.

Please remember to submit your board's final report on activities and expenditures for 2009-10 additional FSL funding to your local regional office by September 10, 2010, as final funding cannot be distributed until the reports have been received.

Thank you for your ongoing support of FSL teaching and learning in Ontario.

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Attachment

cc: Regional Managers