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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Ontario English-language School Boards

**FROM:** Kathy Verduyn  
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**SUBJECT:** **Extended French Program**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the Ministry of Education will continue to support the offering of Extended French as an optional program as a result of a review of its benefits.

As you may be aware, in fall 2009 the ministry held a series of informal regional discussions with superintendents and FSL program consultants from English-language school boards, and more recently sought input at the February 2011 meeting of the newly-formed FSL Provincial Working Group. Feedback received from these sources strongly supported the continuation of Extended French, which is consistent with messaging received during the FSL draft curriculum review sessions led by the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch in fall 2010.

I am pleased to be able to share this decision with you at this time, knowing that boards are eager to begin planning FSL programs for the coming school year. A revised Extended French curriculum will be included in the roll-out of all revised FSL curricula.

Please feel free to contact your local Regional Office should you have any questions.

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