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Dear Directors,

The government announced on October 12, 2017 its intent to introduce legislation this fall to transfer the governance of Centre Jules-Léger (CJL) to the 12 French-language school boards (FLSBs) in the province. I am writing you to provide you with an update with regards to that announcement.

This afternoon, Ontario introduced legislation that, if passed, would:

- Transfer governance of CJL governance from the Ministry of Education to a new consortium of the 12 FLSBs working together.
- Establish a structure that is governed by and for Francophones.
- Give the CJL Consortium the same duties and powers of a French-language school board, as outlined in the Education Act (except with some provisions specific to CJL's unique mandate).

The proposed changes respond to what the ministry heard during the public consultations of early 2016 and to recommendations made in 2015 by the French Language Services Commissioner which recommended that CJL should be governed "by and for Francophones".

The current mandate of Centre Jules-Léger would not change and the proposed legislation would not affect programs and services offered by English-language provincial and demonstration schools.

Enclosed you will find additional information on the proposed legislation which, I hope, will provide answers to any questions that you may have. Throughout this process, we will continue to work with families, students and staff to ensure that the proposed transfer of governance of CJL is as seamless as possible.

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The ministry would like to extend an invitation to you to attend a briefing on the technical aspects of the legislation the week of November 27th at 900 Bay St, Toronto, Ontario or via teleconference. Please provide the names and any accommodation requirements of the representatives who will attend this meeting on behalf of your organization to Anita Bennett via email Anita.M.Bennett@ontario.ca by November 20, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rodrigues". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'B' and a long, trailing 's'.

Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister