



Ministry of
Education

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To: All Superintendents
All Secretary-Treasurers

Re: 2007/2008 Federal Funding for French Language Education and Instruction

Attached is the breakdown, by category, of your district's total allocation of federal funding for French language instruction based on your final 2007-2008 enrolment. You will receive 70 percent of your district total allocation on January 31, 2008 by electronic transfer. You will find an updated version of the French Funding Guide 2007-2008 and the federal funding breakdown by category and by school district, on the following Ministry of Education web site:
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/frenchprograms/>.

Under the Protocol on Official Languages in Education (2005/06 to 2008/09), funds are defined by federal contributions as "regular funds" and "additional funds". These funds continue to be targeted for French language programs (Immersion and Core French). Funds must be spent in these two program areas only.

In order to provide more flexibility, the school districts may move federal funds between the allocated funding categories. School districts will still have to report at the end of school year on second language expenditures for each category on the regular funds, the additional funds and the special grant.

Again this year, school districts may use some federal funds for teachers' salaries or a coordination position for official French second language activities at the school district level. School districts may apply federal funds to a maximum of a 0.4 FTE position at the school or district level.

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Districts also will receive a one time grant from 2006-2007 unallocated federal funds. The purpose of the grant is to better answer the needs of teachers' in-service training as well as support the acquisition of French-as-a-second language through e-learning activities. The grant will facilitate teachers' access to professional development such as conferences, workshops and in-service training. It will also enable schools to upgrade electronic equipment, French software and multi-media resources. School districts will receive 100% of the grant on January 31, 2008 by electronic transfer, rather than later in the spring as it has often been the case in the past.

Any district requiring assistance should contact Nicole Couture, Program Administrator, at (250) 356-2176.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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