



Ministry of
Education

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To: All Superintendents
All Secretary-Treasurers

Re: 2010/2011 Federal Funding for French Language Education and Instruction

Under the terms of the current federal agreement British Columbia will receive the same amount of federal funding for each of the four years of the Protocol. This will have an impact on school district grants in school years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Growth in French programs will only be supplemented from the reduction in programs that have seen a decline in FTEs.

Last year we adjusted the funding allocation to ensure a small increase for school districts experiencing growth in their French programs. This year we calculated federal funding using the same funding formulas as last year. We made small adjustments to school districts with a decline in enrolment of 30 FTEs and more as well we have made small increases to school districts with growth of 60 FTEs and more. This approach will provide funding stability and predictability to school districts and facilitate the planning and delivery of the French programs in the province.

You will find attached the breakdown, by category, of your school district's total allocation of federal funding for French language instruction. You will receive 70 percent of your school district's total allocation on February 15, 2011 by electronic transfer. You will find 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/>; an updated version of the French Funding Guide 2010-2011 will be posted at a later date.

Federal funds continue to be targeted for French language programs (Immersion, Intensive and Core French). Funds must be spent in these program areas only.

In order to provide more flexibility, 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.

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. Please consult the Funding Guide for additional information.

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

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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