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To: All Superintendents  
All Secretary-Treasurers

Re: 2011/2012 Official Language Funding for French Language Instruction

Under the terms of the current federal agreement on Official Languages in Education, British Columbia will receive the same amount of federal funding for each of the four years of the Protocol. Under the current agreement, this impacts school district grants in school years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. In these years, growth in French programs will only be supplemented from the reduction in programs that have seen a decline in FTEs.

Again this year's we calculated the Official Languages funding using the same formulas and basis as previous years. This will provide funding stability and predictability to school districts, and facilitate the planning and delivery of French programs in the province. The breakdown by funding category of your school district's total allocation for French language instruction funding is attached. You will also find this information at the following Ministry of Education web site: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/frenchprograms/>. You will receive 70 percent of your school district's total allocation through electronic transfer by December 31, 2012. An updated version of the French Funding Guide 2011-2012 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 some flexibility, school districts may move federal funds between the allocated funding categories, but they will need to report on each category at the end of the school 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.

Any school district requiring assistance should contact Dominique Makay, Financial Analyst at (250) 886-2612.

Sincerely,

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