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To: All Superintendents
All Secretary-Treasurers

Re: 2013-14 to 2017-18 Federal funding for French language instruction

Under the 2013-14 to 2017-18 BC action plan for second official-language instruction, school districts offering French as a second language will receive the same annual Federal funding for French language instruction every year. This funding stability is intended to facilitate the planning and delivery of French as a second language in the province.

The formulas used to calculate school districts' funding allocations may be found in the 2013-2018 French Funding Guide, and are based on enrolments as of September, 2012. The payment of French language instruction grants will be provided under the following guidelines:

1. The ministry reserves the right to modify French language instruction funding, allocations or guidelines, on an annual basis.
2. Federal funding is targeted for French language programs and courses only. Any funds in excess of the actual cost incurred to deliver French as a second official language must be reported on an annual basis. The ministry could reclaim any portion of the grant not used for this purpose.
3. In order to provide some flexibility, school districts may move federal funds between the allocated funding categories. School districts may also use up to 20% of their allocation toward no more than 0.4 FTE in salary for French as a second language teachers or a district coordinator's position responsible for French as second language programs or courses.
4. Participating school districts will receive seventy percent (70%) of their annual allocation through electronic transfer in the fall, except for 2013-14 where the transfer will happen in April. Form FP01-SD for the current year must have been received and processed by the ministry of Education, in order for the thirty percent (30%) balance and the next year funding transfers to be released. Form FP01-SD must be submitted by July 31 of each school year.
5. The Ministry may supplement districts' allocations in March, on a year to year basis, depending on reported enrolment in French as second language, and the availability of funds from the BC action plan.
6. The 2013-2018 French Funding Guide, the French language instruction funding allocations, and the most recent version of Form FP01-SD will be posted on the Ministry of Education's website.

Please consult the 2013-2018 French Funding Guide for additional information, or contact Dominique Makay, Client Service Financial Officer, at (250) 886-2612 if you require further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: - French 2013-2018 School Districts Funding - 2013-14 Allocations
- Extract from 2013-2018 French Funding Guide

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