

**Declaration of Intent**  
**between**  
**the Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada**  
**and**  
**the Minister of National Education, Higher Education and Research**  
**of the French Republic**

The Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada and the Minister of National Education, Higher Education and Research of the French Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Participants),

**wishing** to build upon friendly relations and develop their cooperation in the area of primary and secondary education in order to expand relations between British Columbia and France,

**recognizing** the importance of exchange and cooperation on an international scale in the area of education as a means of enhancing the education provided by their school systems,

**considering** that international mobility for students and educators contributes to their social, cultural and professional development and to broadening their knowledge,

**propose** to cooperate, in the context of conducting and encouraging activities and initiatives for students, educators and administrators at the primary and secondary levels, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

**I. Forms of cooperation**

1. The proposed cooperative activities of this Declaration of Intent (the Declaration) may take the following forms:
  - a) sharing information, knowledge, expertise and general practices related to education and the education system, particularly in establishing dialogues on pedagogy, curriculum, assessment, teacher training and professional development, and the growing diversity of students,
  - b) piloting the implementation of exchange or visiting programs for educators in order to provide professional development, for the purpose of promoting awareness of global issues and international understanding,

- c) promoting opportunities for students to study in the Participant country through exchange or study-abroad programs in order to raise awareness of global issues and develop international skills,
- d) encouraging partnerships between schools in order to promote intercultural dialogue and create better learning experiences for students,
- e) cooperating in any other area deemed beneficial by both Participants,

## **II. Implementation**

- 2. The Participants confirm their intention to create, implement and evaluate activities promoting the purpose of this Declaration. The Participants will each designate a representative for the coordination and efficient management of activities under this Declaration, and advise the other Participant within one (1) month of the signing of this Declaration.
- 3. They will jointly establish the priorities and details of the activities selected for implementation of this Declaration. They will meet in person or through technology within three (3) months of the signing of this Declaration to develop a work plan of cooperative activities through their representatives.
- 4. They will meet annually in person or through technology to jointly develop an annual report for their respective governments on the progress made under this Declaration.

## **III. Expenses and Costs**

- 5. Each Participant will bear its own costs, if any, resulting from its participation in this Declaration and will fund the activities referred to in this Declaration with resources, if any, assigned in their respective budgets.
- 6. The Participants will conduct activities under this Declaration at their discretion, subject to the availability of resources, on a case-by-case basis.

## **IV. Duration**

- 7. This Declaration is established for three (3) years, beginning upon signing, and may be terminated by either Participant provided that at least six (6) months written notice is given.

**V. Review and Communication**

8. The Participants will review the results of this Declaration after three years of its signing.
9. The Participants agree that this Declaration may be made public by either Participant.
10. This Declaration is not legally binding and not subject to international law.

Signed in Vancouver, on May 18, 2016, in duplicate, in English and in French, each version being equally valid.

**THE MINISTER  
OF EDUCATION  
OF THE PROVINCE  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
(CANADA)**



**THE MINISTER  
OF NATIONAL EDUCATION,  
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OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

