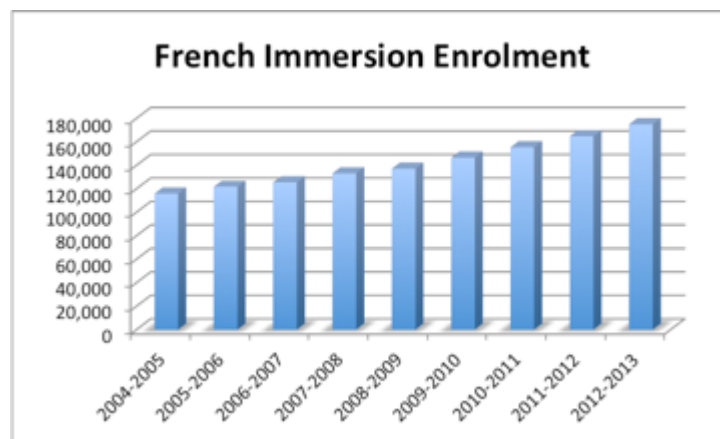


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French Immersion enrolment in Ontario leaps forward for 8th consecutive year

Mississauga, September 5, 2014 - Enrolment in Ontario's French Immersion programs has reached an all-time high at 174,895 students, a 6.2 per cent increase over the previous year, which has contributed to the 5.4 per cent average annual growth the program has experienced over the past eight years. It is the fastest growing program of its kind in the country.*



“Official language bilingualism, the ability to understand and speak English and French is more than an ideal. It is rooted in our history and culture and today more than ever parents are appreciating its many practical benefits on the Canadian and global stage,” stated Betty Gormley, Executive Director of Canadian Parents for French (Ontario).

There are over 765,000 students in Core French and 32,030 in the Extended French program.*

*Source: Ontario Ministry of Education enrolment statistics 2012-2013.

About Canadian Parents for French (Ontario):

As the Ontario branch of a national network of volunteers who value French as an integral part of Canada, CPF Ontario is dedicated to creating and promoting opportunities for youth in Canada to learn and use French.

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