



May 25, 2022

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CPF Ontario President

Dear My,

Thank you for writing regarding Canadian Parents for French Ontario's priorities. I'm pleased to share the Liberal Plan for Ontario, called [*A Place to Grow*](#), and how we will help support all Ontario students who want to become bilingual.

As a non-native speaker, the journey of learning French is a lifelong one for me. I benefit tremendously and learn from a fantastic bilingual caucus, including MPPs Stephen Blais, Lucille Collard, John Fraser and Amanda Simard, and am proud to have many more bilingual candidates running for us across the province.

With more Ontarians choosing a French immersion program for their children, we know that the current system can limit access and create inequities. An Ontario Liberal government will consult on how best to increase equitable access to French immersion programs and eliminate wait lists and lotteries for entry. Part of the solution is a relentless focus on recruiting, training and retaining more French-language teachers, including simplifying the hiring process for qualified newcomers and enhancing professional learning opportunities. An Ontario Liberal government will also maintain and enhance provincial funding for Core, Extended and Immersion French programs to ensure Ontario is a leader in graduating bilingual students.

Ontario can be a place to grow, if we make the right choices. We need to rebuild what's always made us strong. Education. Health care. Public services that support working families. They're all key to a better future and economic dignity for our families. That's what motivates our Liberal team to work relentlessly for all of Ontario. That's what's at the core of our competent and inclusive plan to deliver for families.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of Ontario's parents and I look forward to working with you to strengthen FSL programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Del Duca".

Steven Del Duca
Leader
Ontario Liberal Party