

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
English-Language District School Boards

FROM: George Zegarac
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SUBJECT: **Renewal of French Second Language (FSL) Initiative:
Application for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 Funding**

I am writing further to my March 13, 2006 memorandum about funding to support the renewal of FSL, to solicit applications for year two, year three, and year four of the initiative under the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction, 2005-06 to 2008-09.

As you know, funding for 2005-2006 was distributed according to the following formula: \$25,000 to each board plus its share of the total 2004-2005 enrolment in elementary / secondary core French, extended French and French Immersion programs. Funding for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 will be project-based. Projects can be funded from one to three years within that period. There is no funding limit per project, nor is there a limit on the number of projects that a board can submit. However, if submitting two or more projects, the application must list the projects by order of priority and describe how each project is integrated in the board's FSL plan.

This targeted funding is intended to increase province-wide capacity in FSL and may be used to support new and / or enhanced initiative(s); the projects may build on current initiatives / programs but must clearly show how the targeted funds will result in the expansion or enhancement of FSL programs and be sustainable beyond the funding period. The Ministry expects that the new funding will be allocated at the board level, on top of any existing budget allocated for FSL programs.

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I am enclosing the funding guidelines and application template for the FSL renewal initiative. Collaboration and partnership among boards are strongly encouraged and we would like you to consider submitting joint applications if possible. All applications must be mailed **no later than September 29, 2006**.

Applicants will be informed of the status of their submission by the end of October 2006. Approval of projects and funding will be subject to applications submitted, availability of funds, and a mix and range of innovative projects that will significantly advance and improve province-wide capacity in all aspects of FSL programs.

Questions related to this initiative may be directed to Louise Pharand at (416) 325-2546 or at <louise.pharand@edu.gov.on.ca>.

I was pleased with the enthusiastic response to year one of the initiative. May I remind you that the final report for the 2005-2006 funding is due September 15, 2006.

I look forward to your application for the subsequent years.

Original signed by George Zegarac

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Enclosure

c: Dominic Giroux, Assistant Deputy Minister
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