

Strategies and Resources to Support Professional Learning for FSL Teachers

<p align="center">Recommended Strategies to respond to professional learning needs identified by FSL teachers and school boards</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct surveys/focus groups based on the above professional learning framework of FSL teachers in September in order to identify professional learning needs and guide professional learning planning. • Gather input from FSL teachers when considering new resources/technology/licenses. • Organize networking opportunities to support professional learning. • Offer Learning Institutes that focus on the CEFR to support FSL teachers of French-language and subject-content. • Promote and enhance Leadership opportunities for FSL teachers at school and system level. • Promote and encourage face-to-face networking opportunities, where possible, within and across schools for FSL teachers. • Where FSL teachers do not have access to on-site FSL colleagues, use technology (Twitter, Google+, etc.) to support NTIP mentorship and networking opportunities.
<p align="center">Recommended Strategies regarding professional learning opportunities that span the first five years of an FSL teacher’s employment in a board and provides continuity with the New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the professional learning components of the New Teacher Induction Program include support for the specific needs of new FSL teachers. • Provide incremental support to understand the CEFR, its relation to instruction and assessment of second language acquisition. • Organize an FSL professional learning network for novice FSL teachers/Occasional Teachers to establish mentorship/networking relationships. • Where FSL teachers do not have access to on-site FSL colleagues, use technology (Twitter, Google+, etc.) to support NTIP mentorship and networking opportunities.

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Resources

- Retired FSL teachers to become mentors for new FSL hires
- French language versions of Board provided learning resources to be used in class (e.g., Frameworks or info graphics)
- [Alberta French Language Resource Centre](#)
- [OTF Connects](#) - online free webinars
- OTF Connects sessions and summer workshops that focus on FSL specific subjects
- ETFO supports for elementary FSL teachers
- See <https://transformingfsl.ca/en/home/>

Recommended Strategies to develop teachers' own French language proficiency

- Support the use of funding for FSL teachers to access French language and cultural learning experiences such as: teacher exchange, summer FSL programs, courses with Alliance Française.
- Support social network opportunities where French is the language of communication e.g., activities, French-speaking artists or guests from universities, colleges, or private institutions.
- Create and support local opportunities for French to be spoken in schools
- Create provincial networking opportunities to support language proficiency development.

Resources

- [Heritage Canada](#) - free tools to improve French language skills
- [Avantage bilingue](#) bursary by Heritage Canada
- [EXPLORE](#) - FSL bursary program sponsored by Canadian Heritage
- [Association canadienne des professionnels de l'immersion \(ACPI\)](#)
- [Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association \(OMLTA\)](#)
- [Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers \(CASLT\)](#)
- [Alliance Française](#)
- Faculties of Education
- [Ministry of Education](#)

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Recommended Strategies in providing funding as an incentive to participate in French language and cultural immersion experiences
<p>School boards should review their access to Official Languages in Education (OLE) funding to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resource acquisition.• Professional learning opportunities.• Professional membership fees.• Licensing fees. <p>Resources</p> <p>Memberships and Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OMLTA - Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association - membership, professional magazine, conferences, summer institutes (Projet Québec, Projet Moncton, Université d'été, etc.)• ACPI - Association Canadienne des professionnels de l'immersion - membership, professional magazine, conférences, summer institutes (Projet Québec, Projet Moncton, Université d'été, etc.)• CASLT - Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers - membership, professional magazine, conferences, summer institutes (Projet Québec, Projet Moncton, Université d'été, etc.)• CFORP - Centre franco-ontarien de ressources pédagogiques• FNCSE - Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones• BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages

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Websites and Print Resources

- [Ontario's New Teacher's Handbook](#) - Surviving and Thriving in the French as a Second Language Classroom - handbook from The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers
- [National Film Board](#) resources
- Funding for [CPE](#) (Canadian Parents for French) resources in paper format to be available for free to school boards in order to share with parents
- [IDELLO](#) - The Canadian reference in French educational content
- [SOS Devoirs](#)
- [Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages](#) - Teacher and parent resources
- [TFO](#) - French videos
- [Atelier](#) - French lessons in partnership with TFO
- [French for Life](#) - Resources for French teachers from the Manitoba Ministry of Education
- [Transforming FSL resources](#)
- [Voilà Learning](#)
- [FSL Homework toolbox](#)

Professional Development and Networking Opportunities

- Additional qualification courses - FSL part 2, FSL specialist
- OTF Connects sessions (online free webinars) and summer workshops that focus on FSL specific subjects
- [Avantage bilingue](#) bursary by Heritage Canada
- [CFORP conference](#)
- [ElfOntario](#) - promote French-language education in Ontario
- [French Language Resource Centre Experiences Canada](#) - cultural and language exchanges (subsidized)
- [Heritage Canada](#) - free tools to improve French language skills
- [EXPLORE](#) - FSL bursary program sponsored by Canadian Heritage (Federal Government)