



Canadian Parents for French to release *The State of FSL Education in Canada 2018 Report – Focus on FSL Teachers*

Ottawa (ON), October 11th, 2018 – The Canadian Parents for French widely popular research series, *The State of French Second Language Education in Canada Report 2018* will be launched on **October 19th, 2018** at the Westin Nova Scotian, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Upon ongoing requests from government stakeholders and researchers, the annual research report explores the various challenges and changes taking place within the French second language education movement across the country, this year focusing on FSL teachers. This report, led by CPF National Research Support Committee, takes an in-depth look at research in the current millennium relating to FSL teaching and teachers, both preservice and in-service, including updates on FSL teacher supply and demand, issues relating to core French in western Canada (and elsewhere), a professional language portfolio as a tool for reflective practice, and the potential of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) to support FSL teachers.

A brief overview of the report findings, as they tie to the Canadian Parents for French position statements, will be provided during the launch by the principal investigators, Dr. Mimi Masson, lecturer at the University of Ottawa and Dr. Wendy Carr, Vice President of the CPF National Board of Directors and Professor in the Faculty of Education at UBC. Notable quotes from the 2018 report include:

“FSL teachers believe in the inclusion of ELLs in their classrooms. This particularly salient research helped counter ideas of FSL as an elitist and exclusive program and redefine the role that teachers play as gatekeepers to FSL programs.”

“...there is a clear and pressing need for research on FSL teacher language proficiency, whether it be to assess and develop linguistic and/or cultural proficiency, or to create a standardized assessment measure to assist teacher education programs, school boards and teachers in setting benchmarks and goals for success in French proficiency.”

Follow the launch in real time via our Facebook page on Oct 19 at 8:15 am (Atlantic time) at: <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianParentsForFrench/>. The full report will be posted on the CPF National website (cpf.ca) after the launch. To receive an advanced copy of the report, to prepare an article, or to interview the principal investigators, please contact:

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