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Parents and Guardians,

French language teaching in New Brunswick's anglophone sector has constantly evolved over 50 years.

In the last few years, we have been inspired to do even more for our anglophone sector students learning French.

We have developed and implemented French Learning Opportunities for Rural Areas (FLORA), a made-in-New Brunswick interactive French language program available in all parts of the province. A new personalized service to improve teacher French language proficiency has been established. Our French Immersion curriculum is now aligned with the Common European Framework. We have expanded student summer French programs to include middle school. There is even a high school course targeted for oral proficiency practice.

Earlier this year, we recognized the valuable work of the Official Language Commissioners, who spent a year reviewing our French language programs. This March, the government announced it was adopting 18 of the Commissioners' recommendations to improve French language learning frameworks in the early anglophone childhood sector and the public school system of New Brunswick.

New Brunswick has many strengths for moving forward on these recommendations. We have an inclusive system, with a high number of second language teachers with expertise in teaching in French. We also have experts at our local universities, providing teacher development and doing research to support inclusive practices in French language learning.

On the learner side, innovation is happening with French language learning at over 20 anglophone schools and nine early learning centres. To date with these French language prototype sites, we have seen encouraging progress and growth by anglophone sector learners. More details can be found [here](#).

Moving forward

New Brunswick has made a commitment that all learners from the anglophone sector graduate high school with a conversational level of French or higher.

The Evolving French Language Learning initiative's vision is to provide all anglophone sector learners with an accessible and equitable French language learning framework. With this vision in mind, we will be making changes starting at Kindergarten and Grade 1 in the fall of 2023.

The New Brunswick Innovative Immersion Program aims to provide anglophone-sector learners with early, high-quality learning with Kindergarten and Grade 1 students spending 50 per cent of their day learning in French (through French Literacy and exploratory learning) and the other half in English (learning subjects like Math and Literacy).

This model will ensure that:

- All anglophone sector students will develop strong English language literacy skills, since reading and writing will be taught in English throughout the program
- All anglophone sector students will learn Math in English, throughout the program
- All anglophone sector students will have the opportunity and the support needed to develop solid French language literacy skills with an emphasis on the oral language, which will open doors to them in New Brunswick's officially bilingual province
- French language learning will now begin in Kindergarten, which is in keeping with the "earlier the better" research
- Enrichment opportunities will be available for all students who have the desire to achieve higher than the goal of conversational French
- Anglophone sector students will be placed in more balanced environments, where all students are included, and a positive learning climate can prevail

This approach will address streaming as every anglophone sector student will have the opportunity to learn French – no matter where they live and what their learning style is.

Seeking your input

With your child's future in mind, we would appreciate your help in attaining the goal of French language conversational skills before graduation.

We are launching a survey on our proposed framework and will also be carrying out a series of public consultations in January.

Your feedback is valuable and will help us ensure we are providing high-quality French language learning for anglophone sector students, while also tapping into local resources and expertise.

We invite you to visit this [website](#) for further consultation details and a link to the survey. The site will be updated as new information is made available.

Thank you for your interest and efforts in helping us achieve a New Brunswick where anglophone sector students can learn to speak in their second official language.

Sincerely,



Hon. Bill Hogan
Minister