

Toronto, March 1, 2019 - For the first time in Ontario, ten key players in French-language education, united by their common desire to provide the best possible education for Francophone students, are meeting with Ontario ministers and MPPs on Monday, March 4, 2019. Through these meetings and discussions, the group of education partners wants to inform elected officials of the Ontario Legislative Assembly of the successes and characteristics of Francophone schools, and offer them their expertise in education.

The Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACÉPO), Association des directions et directions adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes (ADFO), the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO), the Association des gestionnaires de l'éducation franco-ontarienne (AGÉFO), Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC), Association francophones à l'éducation des services à l'enfance de l'Ontario (AFÉSEO), Centre de leadership et d'évaluation (CLÉ), Centre franco-ontarien de ressources pédagogiques (CFORP), Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario (AFO), Parents partenaires en éducation (PPE); it is therefore teachers, parents, school board associations and education specialists who come together to talk to Ontario's elected officials and to highlight the contribution of French-language education to the development of Ontario and Canada.

French-language education in Ontario means 454 schools serving students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, thousands of dedicated and passionate school staff, and 110,000 students who will leave our schools with a perfect level of bilingualism for life.

Teaching in the minority language and the additional mandate to protect, enhance and transmit the French language and culture give Francophone education in Ontario an additional dimension that the government should take into consideration when making educational decisions. The creation of a mechanism for ongoing dialogue between the government, the Ministry of Education and all partners in French-language education is the approach that will be proposed to Ontario's elected officials on Monday, March 4, 2019 at Queen's Park.

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