

INTRODUCTION

A Word from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Bureau de l'éducation française Division

Le Bureau de l'éducation française, a division of Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth (MECY) is pleased to present the document, French Immersion in Manitoba: A Handbook for School Leaders.

The French Immersion Program in Manitoba draws its strength from the constant dedication and involvement of all members of the educational community. The development of this document was a collaborative effort to provide leaders in French as a second language education in Manitoba with a theoretical basis as well as practical suggestions to support and to successfully administer the French Immersion Program.

MECY would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Alberta Education and thank them for the use of their document.

I encourage you to share this document within your school communities and hope this resource will become invaluable as you continue to provide a high quality French Immersion Program to Manitoba's children.

Jean-Vianney Auclair

USING THIS HANDBOOK

The handbook contains 12 chapters and 5 appendices that provide research, history, statistics, practical ideas, current articles, and essential information to assist in the successful delivery of the French Immersion Program in Manitoba.

This document is a guide intended for school leaders in French immersion settings that may be shared and reproduced as deemed necessary. An electronic version of this document is available at http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/fr_imm_pr.html and all future updates and additions will be posted electronically.

Because of the ongoing changes that take place with regards to Web sites and contact information, it is possible that information provided may change. Note however that the information provided is accurate at time of print.

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