



## Education and Advanced Learning

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**TO:** Superintendents of School Divisions

Dear Colleagues:

**SUBJECT: Orientation sessions – French Language Education Review - French Immersion Program**

As of the 2014-2015 school year, the French Language Education Review will be introduced to further support the full implementation of the French Immersion Program within Manitoba schools. As a follow-up to the letter dated March 2014, a new outcomes report in the form of a questionnaire for the French Immersion program has been developed and is ready to be piloted this fall with all school divisions offering the French Immersion Program.

The Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF) Division is pleased to invite Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, School Administrators of French Immersion schools and Language Coordinators to participate in a half-day orientation session regarding this review process.

The primary purpose of the review is to provide clear expectations with respect to school divisions' role and responsibilities in the implementation of the French Immersion Program and to bring about collaboration and dialogue between schools, school divisions and the Department regarding the full implementation of the French Immersion Program in order to respond to its evolving needs.

The proposed agenda for the session is as follows:

1. The current context of French Immersion in Manitoba and the purpose of the French Language Education Review
2. Explanation of the three steps of the Review process
3. Presentation of the school questionnaire, school division questionnaire, divisional profile and school division report
4. Provincial pilot schedule and dates

There will be six regional orientation sessions and school divisions have been grouped together at various locations. To fully understand the review process, it is imperative to attend as a school division team with representation from the Superintendent's office and an administrator from each French Immersion school.

Please refer to the schedule below regarding dates and locations for your school division.

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Division</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday, <b>September 24,</b> 2014	Brandon Prairie Spirit Portage La Prairie Prairie Rose Interlake Western	<b>Portage La Prairie</b> Red River College Lower Level meeting room 32- 5 <sup>th</sup> Street S.E. Portage La Prairie	9:30 - 12:30
Friday, <b>September 26,</b> 2014	River East Transcona Seven Oaks	<b>River East Transcona School Division's Board Office</b> Room E 589 Roch Street, Winnipeg	9:00 - 12:00
Tuesday, <b>October 7,</b> 2014	Red River Valley Borderland Sunrise Seine River	<b>Holiday Inn Winnipeg South</b> 1330 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg	9:30 - 12:30
Wednesday, <b>October 15,</b> 2014	Flin Flon Kelsey Mystery Lake Mountain View Swan Valley	<b>Video conference</b>	9:30 - 12:30
Wednesday, <b>November 5,</b> 2104	St James-Assiniboia Pembina Trails	<b>Pembina Trails School Division's Board Office</b> Room A 181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg	9:00 - 12:00
Monday, <b>November 17,</b> 2014	Louis Riel Winnipeg	<b>Louis Riel School Division's Board Office</b> St. Vital Room 900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg	9:00 - 12:00

Advance registration is required (one form per school division). To register, please complete the enclosed registration form and return it by fax to Annie Burmey at 204-948-3234 **by Friday, September 12, 2014.**

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Drzystek, Liaison Officer French as a Second Language, Educational Support Services Branch at 204-945-6939 or toll free at 1-800-282-8069, extension 6939 or Lynne Michaud, Curriculum Consultant, Educational Support Services Branch at 204-945-6926 or toll free at 1-800-282-8069, extension 6926.

We thank you for your collaboration and look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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Enclosure

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