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All School and School District Personnel,

Earlier today, Minister Cardy announced that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) has accepted [recommendations of the Official Languages Commissioners \(OLC\) report on second language learning](#).

Accepting these recommendations will create changes to the current French second-language learning framework in the anglophone sector starting in 2024.

We appreciate the work of the commissioners and will work to implement the recommendations impacting EECD. They align with work that has been underway for quite some time at EECD. Furthermore, the findings in the report echo feedback from conversations the department has carried out over the past few years with students, educators, stakeholders and families.

We appreciate that the OLC report highlighted the need to not rush reforms, but ensure projects are implemented according to a well-established and reasonable implementation timeline. Based on their recommendations, enrolment for existing French immersion programs will move forward and the registration form will indicate that transition plans will be made for learners enrolled in French immersion.

We have many highly trained and motivated teachers in New Brunswick and we count on their expertise and input to ensure the success of French second language learning framework.

More details will be communicated in the coming months. However, I do want to be clear that we will be reaching out to engage stakeholders on how we can improve the framework to meet the needs of students.

We would appreciate your feedback as we embark on the process for the new French-language framework. Comments and ideas can be sent to the consultation.EECD-EDPE@gnb.ca email.

The department will also be proceeding with an expansion to the Language Learning Opportunities (LLO) prototype sites in the anglophone sector in 2022-2023. The prototypes launched this year have already resulted in a greater focus on conversational French at the 11 sites.

We will be inviting schools to participate in the next round of LLO prototypes in the near future and will have more information on the expansion once successful schools are identified this spring. We are also looking for new early learning facilities and after-school programs to participate, in line with OLC recommendations.

With your help, we look forward to developing a framework that will provide more equal access to French second language learning. Together we will strive to build stronger connections, deepen respect for New Brunswick's diverse cultures and strengthen our linguistic proficiency enhancing our province's bilingual population.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Daley".

George Daley
Deputy Minister