

In the fall of 2007, Canadian Parents for French-PEI launched the École Ambassadrice du Français Program. Our goal for this program is to:

1. Increase support for learning French in Island schools.
2. Acknowledge schools that support the learning of French.

We hope that by noticing and talking about these “best practices” it will serve as a powerful motivator for continued high levels of support in schools for learning French as a second language.

In our first year we honored twenty-nine schools through this program, in year two nine more. There are only a handful of schools who are not “Ambassador Schools”. *We would like to provide the schools that did not submit an application another opportunity to do so.* A standard has been developed to help you determine how your school supports your French program. All schools who return the review document will be recognized as a French Ambassador School/École Ambassadrice du français. You need not have a ✓ in every category. The review document was developed with the PEI Core French Teachers Association as well as input from other teachers and administrators.

In view of the bilingual nature of our country and the emerging global economy, learning a second language, and in particular French, is recognized as a distinct advantage for students when considering their future studies. Students need to know that knowledge of a second language, or even a third language, will be essential to compete in the global economy.

Please designate a staff member to complete the review. Once a school is recognized it will remain an École Ambassadrice du français. A follow up for Ambassador Schools is being developed. *There is no deadline to apply, submit your information when you complete it.*

Attached is an overview of the project, including how your school will benefit from becoming an École Ambassadrice du français. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and to seeing the École Ambassadrice du français banner hang in your school.

Please call Gail at 368-3703 if you have any questions.

Sincerely
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