

Progressive Conservative Party Response to Canadian Parents for French Questions

Official Language Bilingualism

Question:

How do you see Canada's Official Language Bilingualism playing a role in a competitive global economy where languages like Mandarin and Spanish, to name two, are growing in importance as dominant international languages?

Currently Canada has two official languages and any changes to the status of official languages would be under their jurisdiction. Should any changes in that direction be proposed, a PC government would need to evaluate and examine the potential impact of the proposal on our existing language services.

Question:

Do you believe that all Island youth are entitled to learn both official languages through access to French Second Language (FSL) education? If you do, what will your government do to ensure that Island children have unfettered access to quality FSL education programs on PEI? If you do not, why not?

Our Progressive Conservative party membership is proudly representative of the Acadian and Francophone population. A PC government is committed to serving the best interests of Island children in our education system and we believe in the many cultural social and economic benefits associated with the ability to speak in a second language. We are committed to working with the Acadian and Francophone communities in our province, as well as the Acadian and Francophone Advisory Committee to ensure that quality educational programming and access to French Second Language Education remains as an integral component of our education system.