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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Across the province, students in kindergarten through grade 2 are taking part in *Learning Experiences to Introduce French Language and Culture* as part of the education curriculum.

These learning experiences were introduced to grade 1 students last year, and have since expanded to include kindergarten and grade 2 students beginning in September 2009.

Under New Brunswick's revised model for French second-language learning, students from kindergarten to grade 2 are introduced to the French language and culture through engaging activities to develop an interest in and familiarity with the French language and culture. For example, students may listen to French language through simple story books, music class may feature French songs, or physical education may include traditional French folk dances.

To continue to develop an enthusiasm for the French language and culture at home, we are pleased to provide parents with a website filled with useful tools and resources that complement your child's experiences at school.

The website features:

- **New videos** of K-2 classes taking part in some of the activities of the new *Learning Experiences to Introduce French Language and Culture*
- **Educational resources** used in our primary classrooms to encourage enthusiasm for French language and culture
- **Events and activities** taking place across the province that offer a bilingual experience for your child
- **Interactive websites** that have fun activities for you and your child to try at home. You do not have to speak or read French to try these activities.

I invite you to share in your child's enthusiasm for learning more about French language and culture by visiting our website: <http://www.qnb.ca/0000/fsl/>

I wish you and your child a pleasant school year.



Roland Haché,
Minister of Education