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Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that represents 35,000 members across Canada and champions the opportunity to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home. Canadian Parents for French Alberta is fully committed to supporting students and parents in achieving their educational goals, and we will fight tirelessly to advocate for their interests in the upcoming election.

Following are some sample questions for you to ask your local candidates during the 2023 Alberta Election:

- What is your plan to ensure equitable support for all students – especially those in French immersion and Francophone programs?
- What is your position on funding and integrating full-day kindergarten French Immersion and early childhood programming?
- What is your position on the new French kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum?
- With a nationwide shortage of French-speaking teachers, what is your plan to attract and retain professional teachers and other education workers to Alberta?
- What is your plan to support French immersion teachers and administrator in insuring student’s success across the province?
- How will you advocate for specialized education programs and supports for Alberta’s French immersion and Francophone students?
- What plans do you have to provide resources and supports for mental health in Alberta schools? Will there be sufficient resources in *French immersion* schools as well?
- What is your plan to reach the Alberta Learning Commission's (2003) class size requirements – especially for French immersion classrooms?
- Will your Party transfer current private school funding to support programs for students in poverty?
- What steps will you take to enhance routine upkeep and modernization efforts for antiquated school buildings?
- What is your plan to improve the state of education in Alberta in your term? How will that plan be executed?
- Will you commit to restoring public education funding to above the national average, match funding to inflation and the growing number of students?

If you receive any responses, please share them with us at [cpfab@ab.cpf.ca](mailto:cpfab@ab.cpf.ca) , on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CPFAB/> ) and/or our Twitter account (@CPFAlberta).

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