



# CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH ALBERTA

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Honourable Adriana LaGrange M.L.A.  
Minister of Education  
228 Legislature Building  
10800- 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

## **Re: Open Letter on Curriculum Consultants Contract Renewal**

Dear Minister:

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language (immersion and FSL) learning opportunities for young Canadians. Here in Alberta, the association is represented by over 4,100 members in 27 volunteer-based chapters around the province.

CPF Alberta is disappointed in the Minister of Education's decision to renew the contract of eight of the original K-6 consultants for the development of the proposed 7-12 curriculum. Many educators with curriculum and subject-specific expertise have expressed concern over the K-6 draft curriculum which is further reinforced by the fact that 56/61 school districts in the province have chosen not to pilot the draft curriculum.<sup>1</sup> While we respect that the current list of subject matter experts is not final, the inclusion of eight of the same advisors does not reflect the feedback received from the public, teachers, and education experts.

In a recent media article, it states that these advisors had their contracts renewed on March 29 – the day the elementary drafts were publicly released.<sup>2</sup> After the immediate criticism was received pertaining to the elementary draft, a review of the advisors should have been conducted to recognize and respond to public feedback.

We request an immediate review of the above decision and call upon the Minister for increased input from the public, teachers, and education experts in the appointment of advisors for the draft curriculum of higher grades. We further call upon the Minister to utilize the expertise of Alberta's educators, education organizations, and experts. The perspectives and concerns of Alberta's parents must also be valued and included.

Sincerely,

Victoria Wishart  
President

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/news/ndp-renews-calls-for-alberta-govt-to-scrap-k-6-draft-curriculum/>

<sup>2</sup> [Alberta government brings back 8 curriculum advisers to work on higher grades | CBC News](#)