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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

I am writing to inform you of a change to the *Diplôme d'études de la langue française* (DELFL). Due to unforeseen circumstances, both sessions intended for the DELFL exam have been cancelled for the 2020-2021 school year.

The NS Back to School Plan outlined that due to the unique circumstances facing students this year, no fall provincial assessments will be conducted. Similarly, due to the uncertainty of this school year and the supervision requirements of DELFL, Education and Early Childhood Development is not able to hold sessions for the DELFL exam during the 2020-2021 school year.

Although optional, an alternative for this school year will be Oral Proficiency Interviews (OPI). This is a great opportunity for French Second Language students currently enrolled in either Immersion or Core French at the grade 12 level to test their oral proficiency skills in the French language. The OPI is an internationally recognized evaluation tool and it uses the same evaluation scales as the DELFL exam.

Details on the process for the eligible grade 12 students will be provided by the classroom teacher during the month of November 2020. You will also find attached to this letter frequently asked questions for parents, students, and schools.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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