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NBTA Board of Directors Opposes Acceleration of FSL Changes

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Fredericton (NBTA) — Following their deliberations on October 19-20, 2022, the NBTA Board of Directors took this position:

The NBTA strongly opposes the political decision to accelerate to September 2023 the implementation of any changes to French second language learning. Such a decision is contrary to the advice cited in the Report on Second Language Learning.

It is imperative that decisions be made in the best interests of all students, address pre-existing classroom composition challenges, and acknowledge the strain that current teacher shortages are placing on the system. A September 2023 implementation would further aggravate these situations.

Until now, the NBTA has participated in good faith in the formal French consultations currently being conducted. Unfortunately, trust in the process has been broken and the Association will no longer be engaging in the formal consultation process until such time a mutual collaborative consultation process is in place.

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