

## **Canadian Parents for French Celebrates World Teachers' Day 2024: “Valuing Teacher Voices”**

**Ottawa, October 5, 2024** — On this World Teachers' Day, Canadian Parents for French (CPF) extends heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to the dedicated teachers across Canada who shape the minds and futures of our students. This year's theme, “Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education,” underscores the critical importance of prioritizing educators' perspectives in policymaking and decision processes.

Teachers are the cornerstone of our education system, and their insights are indispensable for cultivating effective learning environments. Today, CPF highlights the pressing concerns faced by French as a Second Language (FSL) teachers, who often navigate significant challenges such as insufficient resources, inadequate teaching spaces, and high turnover rates. Listening to these educators and taking bold action is essential for fostering a more equitable and supportive educational landscape.

In line with this theme, CPF is proud to champion our “More Than Words” campaign. This initiative calls upon governments to invest in FSL educators by enhancing support, funding, and resources nationwide. By improving working conditions and nurturing a supportive environment, we can help ensure that teachers embark on long, fulfilling careers while guiding the next generation of Canada's bilingual leaders.

World Teachers' Day, established by UNESCO in 1994, is an occasion to honor the invaluable contributions of educators to our society. On this meaningful day, we invite you to join us in celebrating the dedication of teachers everywhere. Take a moment to thank your child's classroom teacher, your own former teachers, and especially your school's FSL teachers. Let them know that we all acknowledge and appreciate the essential work they do each day!

CPF stands alongside UNESCO in advocating for the teaching profession, urging action beyond words to truly listen to educators and elevate their essential roles.

To learn more about CPF's initiatives and the “More Than Words” campaign, visit [SupportFrenchTeachers.ca](https://SupportFrenchTeachers.ca).

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*Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that promotes and creates opportunities to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.*

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